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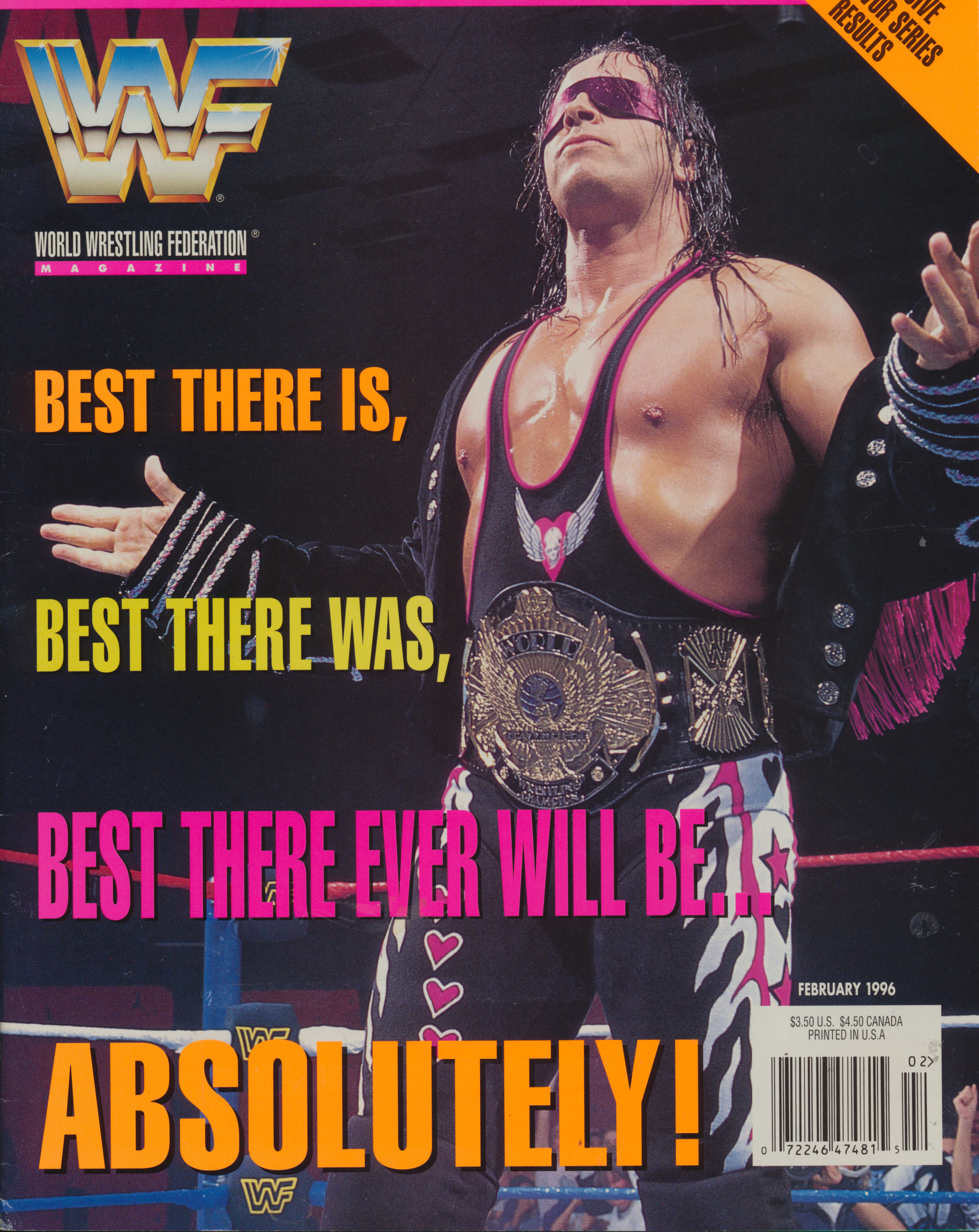

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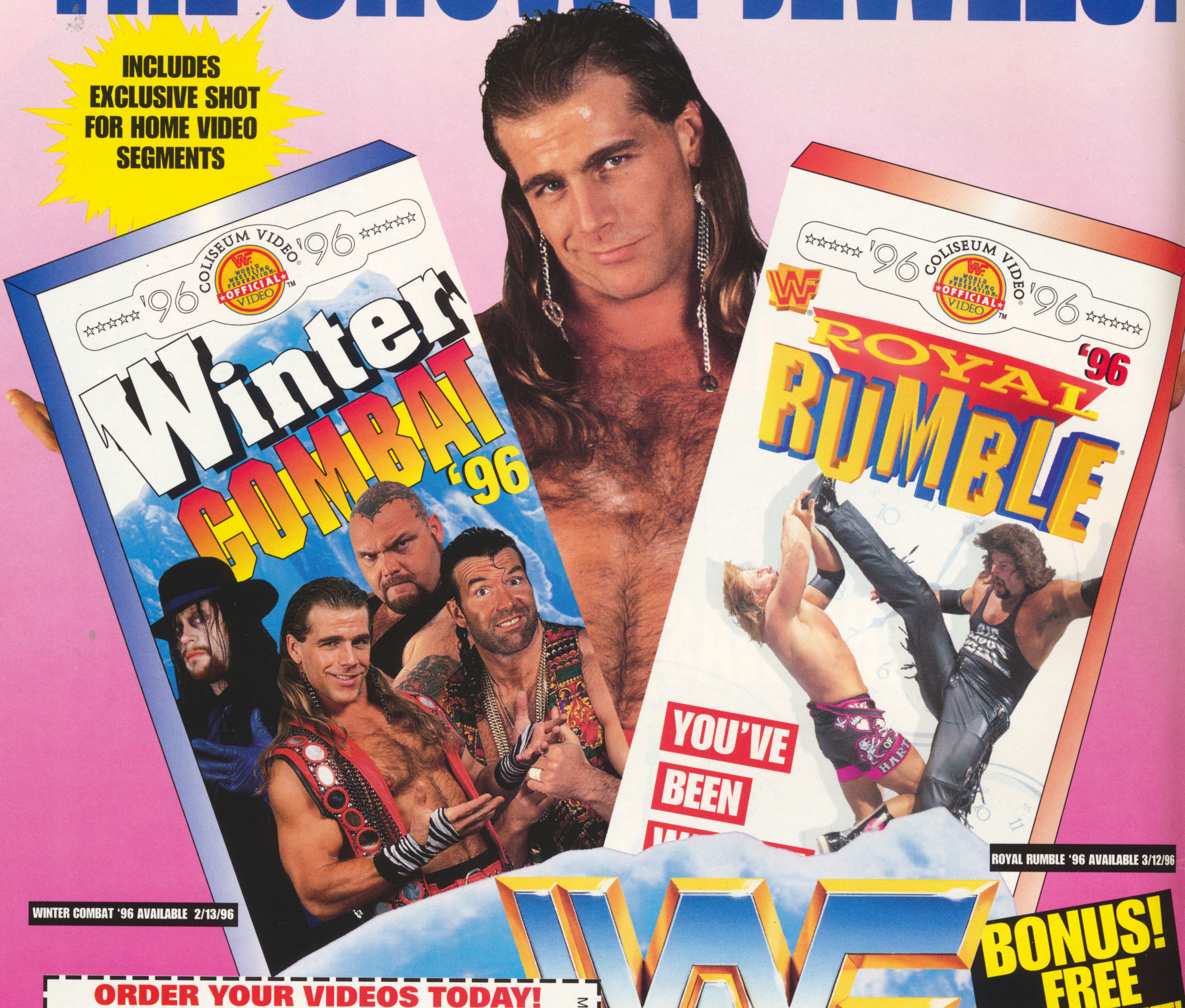
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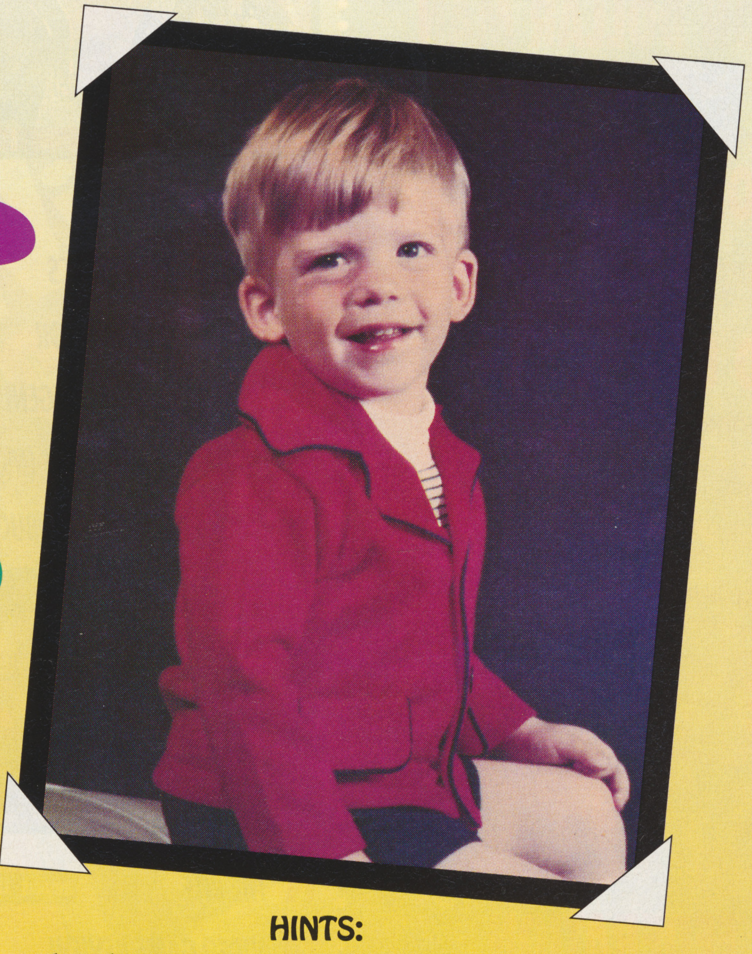
CAN YOU GUESS THE SECRET SUPERSTAR

Even though this month's Secret Superstar may be snubbed by the Slammys this year, in his opinion he holds the "Golden Wonka Ticket" to the Oscar.



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1. Many say that this month's Secret Superstar may be "Gone With the Wind," but according to him, he is nothing more than a "Lethal Weapon" looking to "Terminator" his opponents.
2. In this month's Secret Superstar's opinion, anyone who is bold enough to step into the ring with him has to be "Dumb and Dumber" or just plain stupid!
3. According to this month's Secret Superstar, "Goldfinger," "The Man With the Golden Gun" and "Goldeneye" are all severely tarnished when compared to his glittering glow!
4. "Mr. DeMille, this month's Secret Superstar is ready for his close-up!"

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Least Favorite Federation Superstar: British Bulldog
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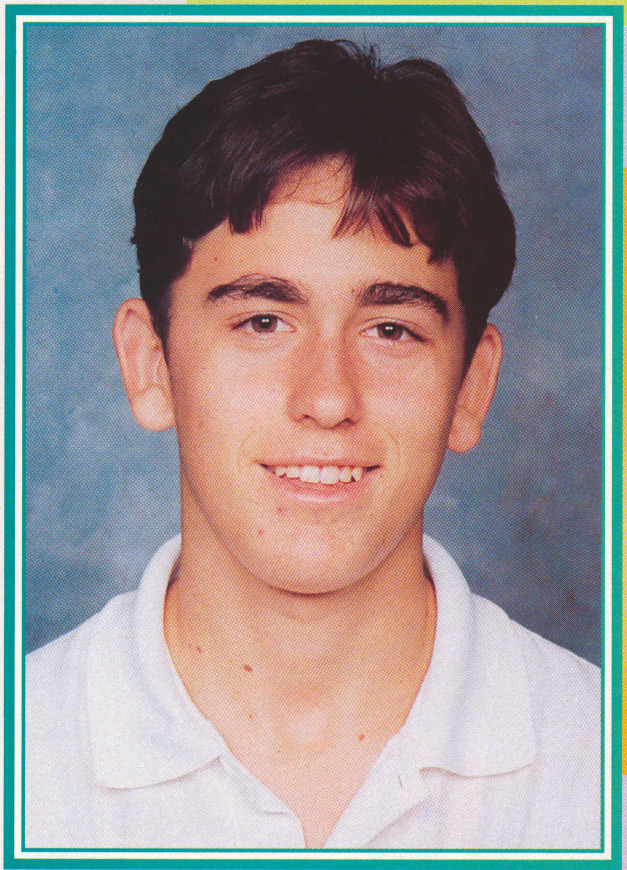

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—YarbroughG
America Online

Letter:

Dear Editor,
October's *In Your House* proved that interim President Gorilla Monsoon can be just as inept as the previous president was! The decision he made in regard to the Intercontinental Championship will go down in history as one of the worst!

I agree that Shawn Michaels should not have been wrestling because of the injuries he received in Syracuse, BUT there is no way he should have been stripped of the belt! Dean Douglas should have been forced to wrestle someone else, and his match with Shawn should have simply been postponed!

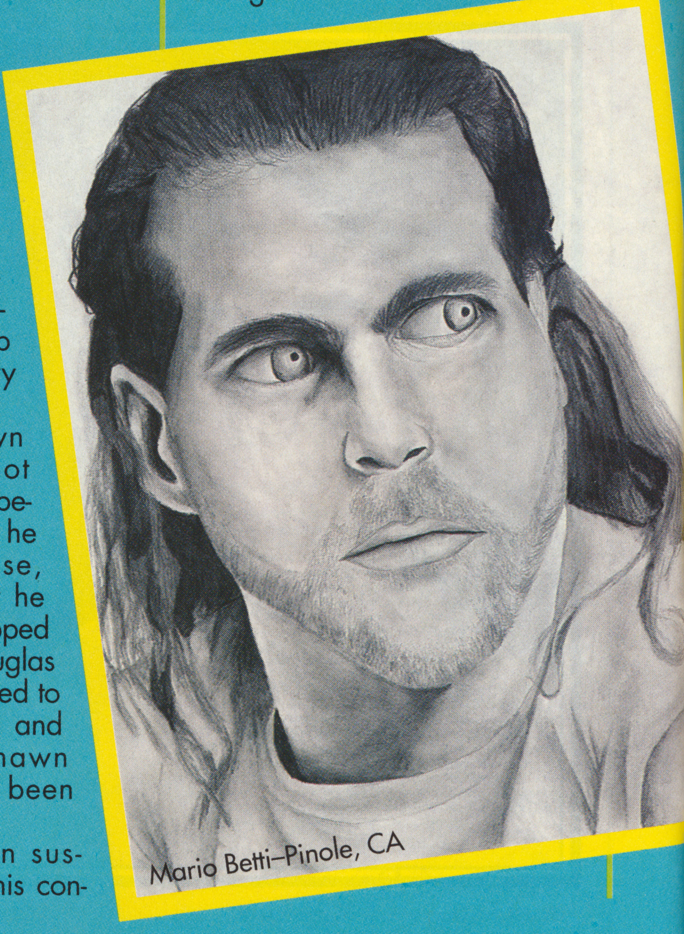
The injuries Shawn sustained were beyond his control! He should not have been forced to turn over his title because of them! It was a slap in the face to both Shawn and his fans!

—Heather DeMeo
Metuchen, NJ

Letter:

A LESSON IN SHAWN'S MISFORTUNE

Dear Editor,
When I heard that Shawn Michaels was coming to my town to wrestle, I jumped at the opportunity to see him! When the big night finally arrived and Shawn made his appearance through



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the curtain, he was LARGER THAN LIFE! Then, to top it all off, after he put away the British Bulldog in the ring, I got in a conversation with him as he headed back to the locker room! It was totally UNREAL!

It was two days later when I first heard about the vicious attack in Syracuse bestowed upon my idol. Needless to say, I was sickened by it! I couldn't understand it even though I played it in my mind over and over again! How could anyone do such a terrible thing to another human being?

The attack on Shawn Michaels opened my eyes to a very valuable lesson: You should respect others and not hurt ANYONE under ANY circumstances!

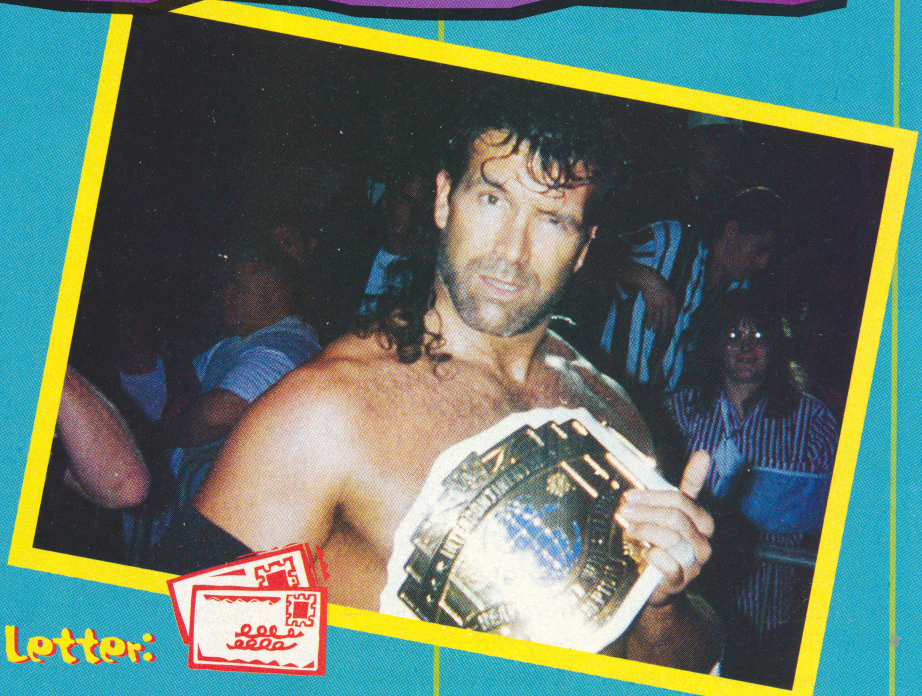
—Scott Cordell
Queensbury, NY

Letter:

MASON IS NO MASON!

Dear Editor,
I do not agree with what is going on in the World Wrestling Federation today! Why on earth is James E. Cornette allowed to bring in a lawyer like Clarence Mason to fight his battles for him? Lawyers have absolutely NO business in the Federation! Cornette should learn to live with Gorilla Monsoon's decisions and just be happy that he even has a job in the first place!

—Virgil Babb
Denton, TX



Letter:

CHICO CHEESIN' FOR THE CAMERAS!

Dear Editor,
Recently, I went to the Tour de Force when it came to Tacoma, Washington. It was great seeing Razor Ramon in person again! The last time I had the opportunity to see him was about a year ago on the Hart Attack Tour.

I must say I was stunned to actually have the privilege of finding out first-hand just how friendly the "Bad Guy" really is! When he saw me with my camera, not only did he step back and give me the best picture I could ever ask for, but he shook my hand as well!!!

—Razor Ramon's #1 fan,
Garrett Bennison
Kent, WA

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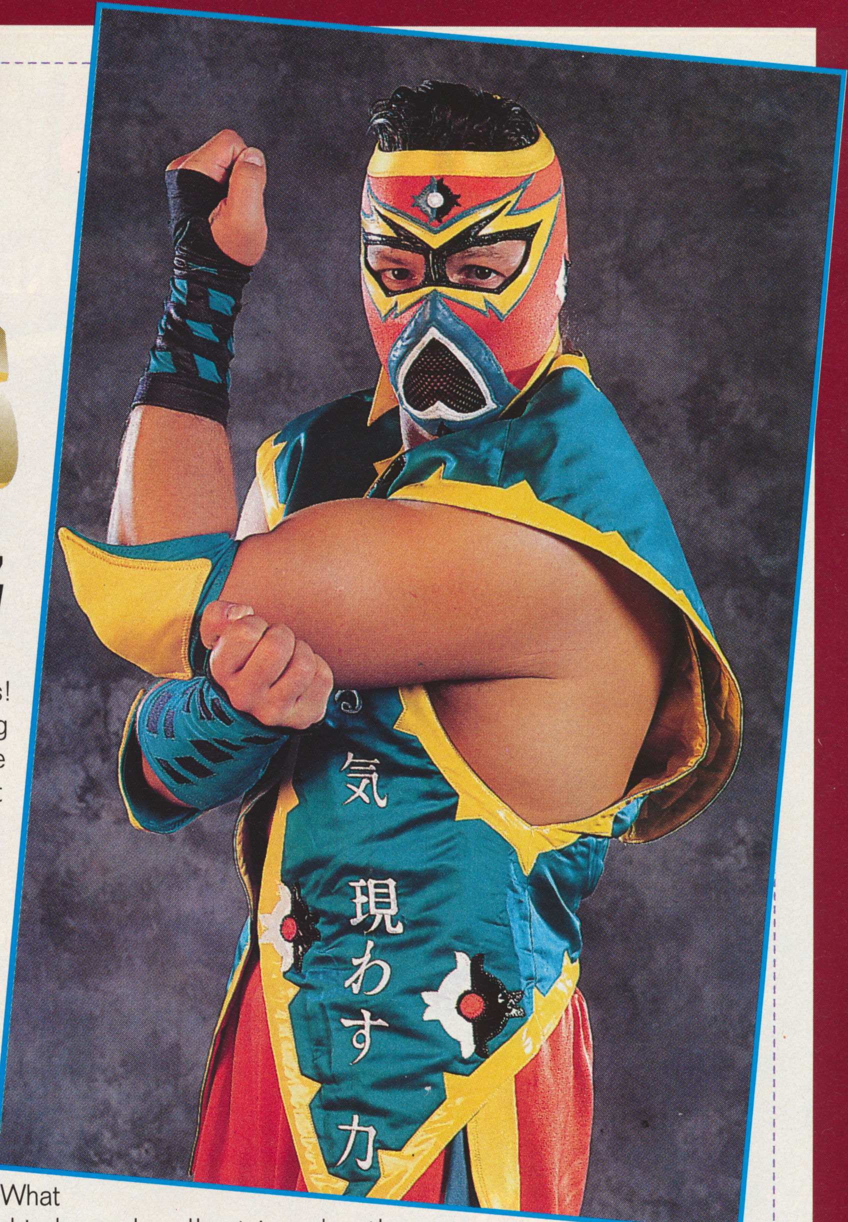
HEROES OF YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW



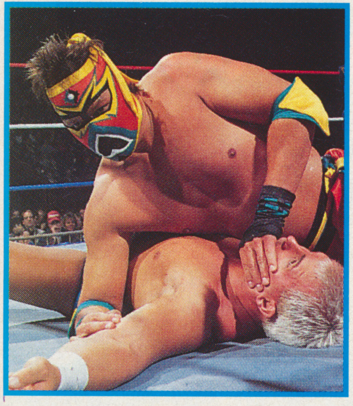
Derived from the religion of Hinduism, the meaning of Avatar translates into a "god's coming to earth in bodily form." As mysterious as that explanation may seem, the spectacular new superstar's meaning and motives may go even well beyond that. Perhaps even well into a dimension unknown to mortal man.

With the likeness of a street fighter in a virtual reality video game, Avatar lights up his opponents in hand-to-hand combat that is anything but mortal! With an arsenal that consists of a repertoire of lightning kicks and thunderous blows, the colorful superhero demonstrates speed and power that is unheard of even in the land of Marvel and DC Comics! Immediately following his first appearance on Monday Night Raw back in October, Federation fans were in a buzz over this new sensation. Not only did they want to know more about Avatar—who he was and where he came from—but the question that may have loomed the largest of all was: What was the meaning behind his colorful mask?

You see, unlike any other normal superhero, Avatar doesn't just wear a mask to the ring; he CARRIES it to the squared circle. It's only moments before the match begins that he positions the war garb over his face in preparation to compete. Then, once the war is settled, he methodically removes it from his being and walks triumphantly from the battle zone.

To date, the meaning of this rather odd ritual remains unclear. Does the amazing Avatar draw some kind of magical, mystical power from the mask? Or does he simply use it as a psychological weapon to gain the advantage over his adversaries?

As of press time, the mystery of Avatar remains just that; however, many critics speculate that it will only be a matter of time before the truth unfolds! STAY TUNED! SAME AVATAR TIME! SAME AVATAR CHANNEL! WF



AVATAR

Superstar:
AVATAR
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 227 lbs.
Hometown:
Parts Unknown

THAT'S ENTERTAIN MAT

JERRY "THE KING" LAWLER'S MOVIE REVIEW

THIS MONTH: A ROYAL LOOK AT HOLLYWOOD'S LEADING LADIES

Since my royal look at Hollywood's leading MEN was such a success last month, I thought I'd give you peons something else to cheer about this month! Why? Well, let's just say that not only do I have a huge heart, but there were nothing but STINKERS playing at the box office this month!

Now, please keep in mind—while you read this classic literature—that when I use the term "LADIES," I am using the term rather LOOSELY. As a matter of fact, some say that they are so loose that even a scuba suit would fall off them! Nonetheless, a critic has to do what a critic has to do, so—*HERE GOES!*

SANDRA BULLOCK— First , there is no way that any woman could handle an out-of-control bus! That is, unless you're Roseanne Barr-Arnold-Limo-Driver and you stand in front of one and meet it head-on! Sandra Bullock has no talent! All *While You Were Sleeping* did was PUT ME TO SLEEP! She thinks she's so cute—with that pug nose of hers—when in reality, the only use for that honker is if she did stop that bus, she could have parked it in her left nostril!

SHARON STONE—My *Basic Instincts* tell me that Sharon Stone hasn't a talented bone in her body! *Sliver? The Professionals?* She is responsible for so many bombs that when she's seen in public, people hit the deck and yell, "AIR RAID!"

ALICIA SILVERSTONE— The young star of *Clueless*. Need I say more?

DEMI MOORE—When I looked up the meaning of Demi in the dictionary, it said "half." You mean to tell me that just because she is only "half" a woman, she calls herself Demi? What about the other half? Have you ever heard her talk? Her voice is deeper than James Earl Jones with a stomachache, for cryin' out loud! Boy, is her career over! Why would anyone pay good money to see her in *Striptease*? She should be putting more clothes ON rather than taking them OFF!

CINDY CRAWFORD— Aside from the fact that Cindy LONGS for me, there isn't much to her acting ability either. She's one of those models who thinks that since she could walk down a runway, she could act! Wrong! But her acting is convincing all right—it convinced me I should have stayed HOME! And, Cindy, why don't you do something about that nasty mole on your face, with the long hair sticking out of it, before you attempt your next celluloid venture?!

MEG RYAN—The girl next door that just everybody would love to take home—EXCEPT ME! I mean, what has ol' Meg done lately? *Harry Met Sally* ages ago! Not only was *French Kiss* all wet, but *When a Man Loves a Woman* practically drove me to drink—and I DON'T DRINK!

JULIA ROBERTS—The last time this *Pretty Woman* had a hit, Lyle Lovett's hair was only ONE FOOT HIGH!

MELANIE GRIFFITH— Ever since she moved out of Mayberry, her career has been going down the toilet! I hope she got the most out of *Working Girl*, because she's going to be the unemployed girl if she keeps putting out these box-office stiffs! Did anyone see *Now and Then*? I didn't think so!

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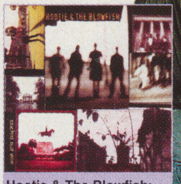

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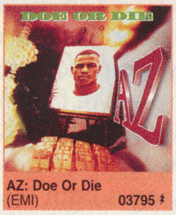

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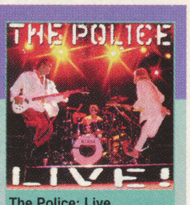

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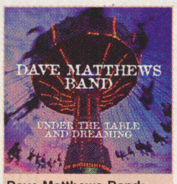

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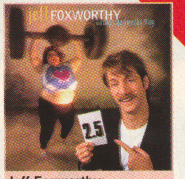

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YES, AN AWARDS SHOW THAT NO MAN HAS EVER DARED TO PUT ON BEFORE (SINCE 1987, AT LEAST), THE 1996 SLAMMY AWARDS WILL CONSIST OF APPROXIMATELY 12 OR MORE CATEGORIES RANGING FROM "BEST DRESSED" AND "MANAGER OF THE YEAR" TO THE SELECTION OF THE FEDERATION SUPERSTAR WHO BEST EXEMPLIFIES THE NEW GENERATION! IT WILL BE A GALA EVENING TO SAY THE LEAST, BUT WHAT IS MOST EXCITING OF ALL IS THAT THE WINNERS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE VOTING OF YOU—THE FANS! THAT'S RIGHT, THE FEDERATION FAITHFUL (THAT'S YOU GUYS) WILL BE GIVEN THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION OF THOSE WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION SUPERSTARS WHO BEST DESERVE TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE RING!

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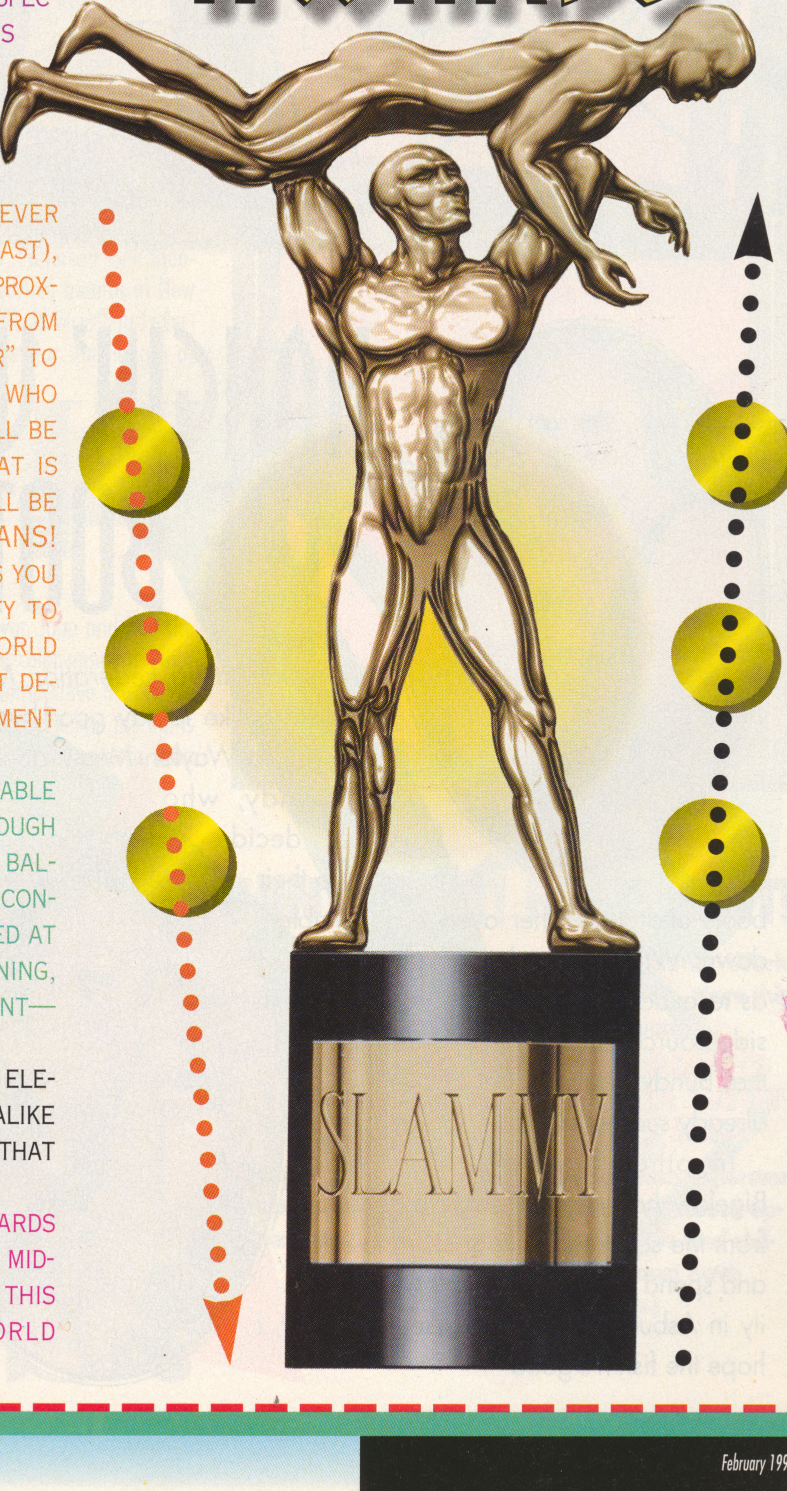
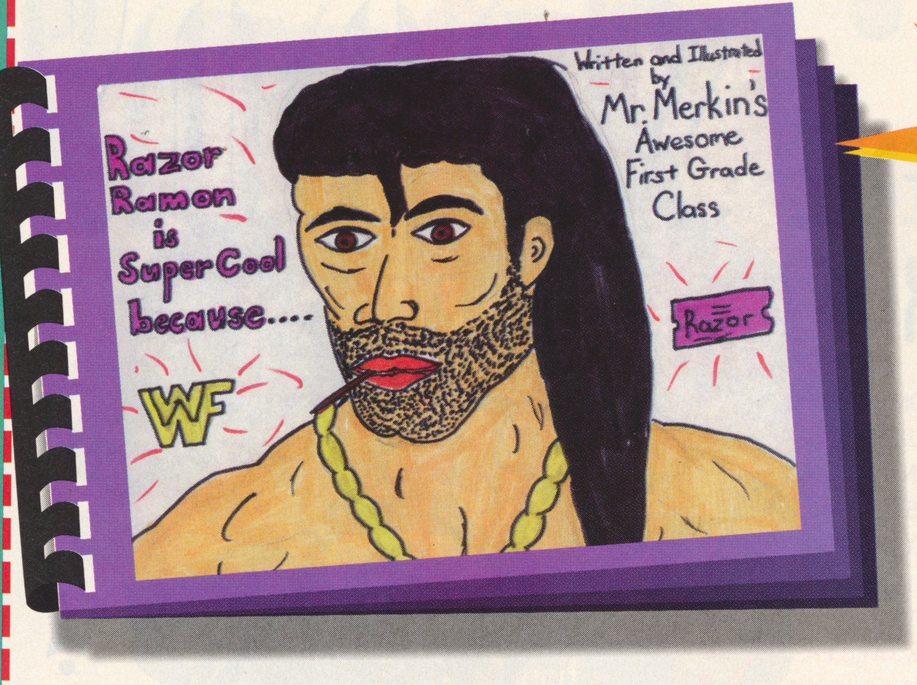
THE SLAMMY AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BE AN ELEGANT EVENING IN WHICH FANS AND SUPERSTARS ALIKE WILL SHARE DINNER AND ENJOY THE SURPRISES THAT ONLY THE FEDERATION CAN PROVIDE!

TICKET INFORMATION FOR THE SLAMMY AWARDS BANQUET AND CEREMONY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MID-FEBRUARY. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THIS MAGAZINE AND ON ALL THE EXCITING WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION TELEVISION PROGRAMS!

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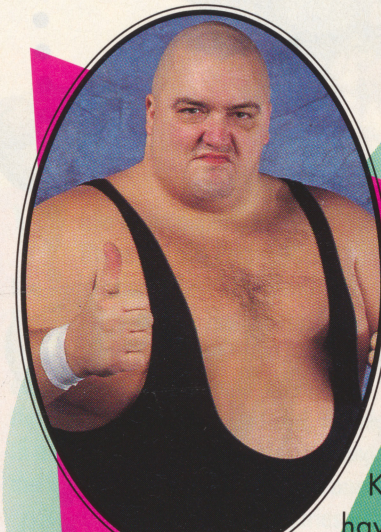
HEY, MR. MERKIN'S AWESOME FIRST GRADE CLASS—

COOL BOOK!!!

There are certainly some amazing young artists and writers at Arcadia School in Olympia Fields, Illinois! Especially in that ROOM 10! You know, Mr. Merkin's class!

Recently, the rad gang of hip Michelangelos and Shakespeares sent us a book that they wrote and illustrated called "Razor Ramon is Super Cool Because...." The essays and art work were out of this world! ESPECIALLY Mr. Merkin's portrait of the Bad Guy, which donned the cover of the book!

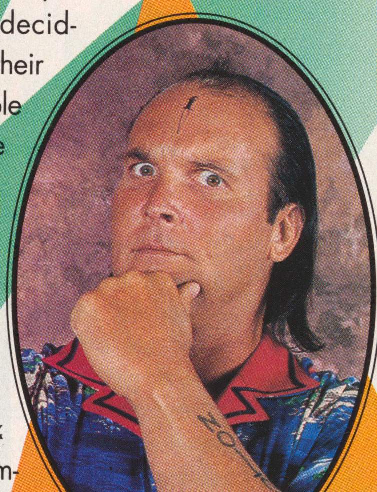
Great job, guys! Thanks!



HANGIN' UP THE BOOTS

World Wrestling Federation Magazine would like to say good-bye and thank you to Waylon Mercy and King Kong Bundy, who have both decided to hang up their boots and seek other avenues to rumble down. While it is unknown at this time as to exactly what Waylon will do, inside sources in the Federation tell us that Bundy is a sure bet to pursue his already successful acting career!

In other farewells, Bam Bam Bigelow has decided to take a hiatus from the squared circle in order to relax and spend some quality time with his family in Asbury Park, New Jersey! Bammer, I hope the fishin's good!



TOP 5 REASONS WHY BROTHER LOVE WOULD REFUSE TO APPEAR ON THE RICKI LAKE SHOW

1. "They don't pay... not even scale!"

2. "I don't want Ricki's makeup artist anywhere near me! Just look at the facial damage she caused Ricki!"

3. "Those fancy-smancy cameras make me look five pounds heavier!"

4. "Why, it's only SINNERS who go on shows like that!"

5. "Because I'm loyal to MISS OP-ER-AHH!"

A LEGEND CALLS IT QUITS!

After 38 years in the sport of professional wrestling, World Wrestling Federation legend Pat Patterson has decided to call it quits.

A sure-bet Hall of Famer, Patterson had the reputation of being one of the greatest "defensive strategists" who ever graced the squared circle! Patterson could play possum with the best of them! Just when you thought he was down for the count, he would turn on you like a hungry wolf and pin your shoulders to the mat before you knew what hit you! One way or another, Patterson always managed to stay one step ahead of his opponents.

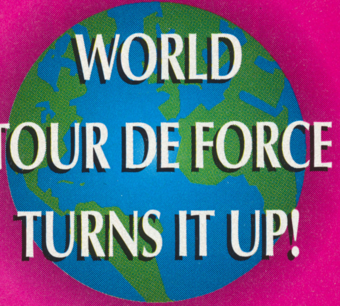
In his prime, Patterson was one of the biggest stars that the city of San Francisco had ever known! In the '70s if Patterson's name appeared on the Cow Palace marquee, you could bet all 12 turnbuckles that it was going to be a sellout! In 1977, the rugged bulldog with the platinum blonde hair ventured east and tested the waters of the World Wrestling Federation. Two years later, Patterson captured a tournament in Rio de Janeiro and came back to the United States as the first-ever World Wrestling Federation Intercontinental Champion. Later on that same year, Patterson took then-Federation Champion Bob Backlund to the limit for four consecutive months in New York's Madison Square Garden. To date, he is the only man in World Wrestling Federation history to warrant return matches against the champion for that length of time—in the sports shrine located at 33rd and Seventh!

In the early 1980s, Patterson decided to step out of the war zone and into the broadcasting booth. For a number of years he served as the color-man for Vince McMahon. However—to the surprise of no one—Patterson's competitive fires never fizzled. When duty called, Patterson took it upon himself to step back into the tights and feud with some of the biggest stars of the ring, including King Kong Masca, Ivan Koloff, Sgt. Slaughter and the Magnificent Muraco.

With his career finally winding down (they practically had to straitjacket him to keep him from climbing back over the ring ropes), Patterson took on the role of business representative for TitanSports in the mid-'80s. One part of his duties in this position consisted of getting out on the road and developing young up-and-coming wrestling superstars. For the past 10 years, Patterson has continued to work with the heart and soul of the wrestling business—"the boys," as he likes to call them—in his role as Vice President of Talent Relations.

Pat Patterson, not only a great wrestler but also a great human being, will be sorely missed by all those who had the privilege of working with him throughout the years. However, speaking from experience, he will be especially missed by those whom he took the time—and patience—to educate in this great sport.

Thank you, Pat.



WORLD TOUR DE FORCE TURNS IT UP!

January

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6TH–New Haven, CT
7TH–Albany, NY
8TH–Burlington, VT
9TH–Cornwall, Ont., CN
10TH–Hull, Que., CN
11TH–Drummondville, Que., CN
12TH–Montreal, Que., CN
13TH–Bangor, ME
14TH–Fitchburg, MA
21ST–Fresno, CA (Royal Rumble)
22ND–Stockton, CA (MNR)
23RD–San Jose, CA (Superstars)
24TH–White Plains, NY
25TH–Baltimore, MD
26TH–New York, NY
27TH–State College, PA
28- Philadelphia, PA

HINT! HINT! HINT! HINT!

If you want to advance in the bodyslammin' World Wrestling Federation Superstar Game. . . store this clue somewhere in your cranium!!!

IF YOU MEET A PILOT ALONG THE WAY. . . BRING HIM WITH YOU. . . YOU'LL NEED HIM!

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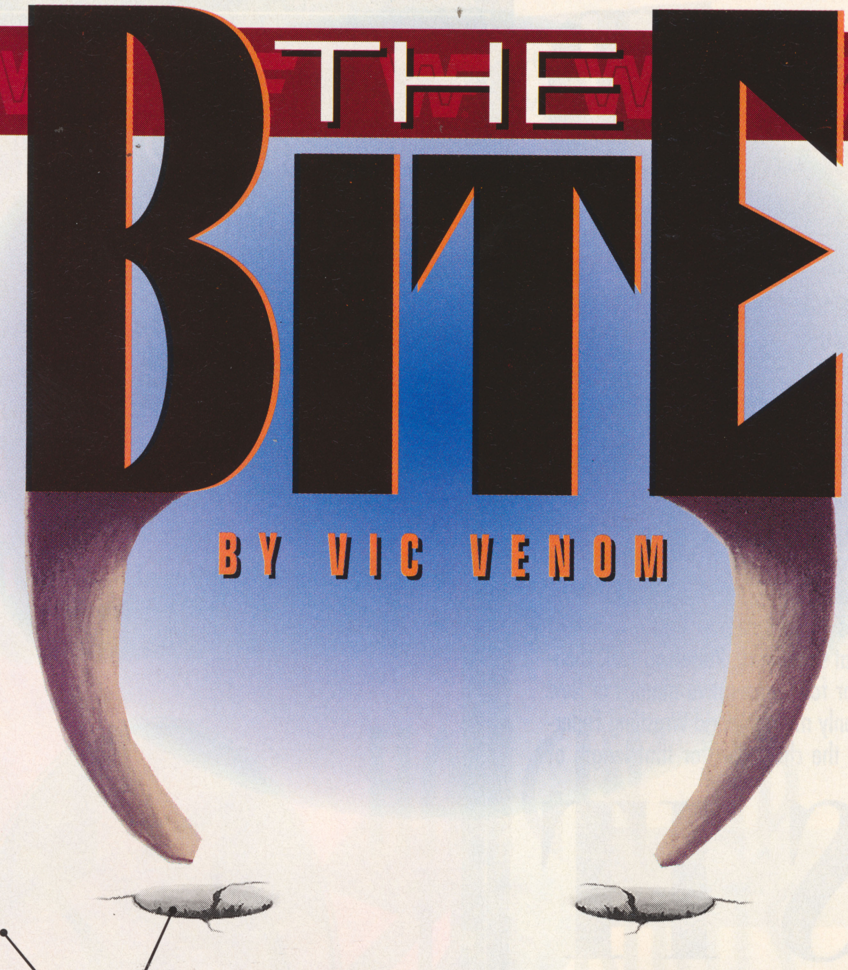


BY VIC VENOM

HE'S BACK!

I think it was that little snot-nosed, blond-headed girl from the movie *Poltergeist*—who was up way past her bedtime—who said, "THEY'RE BACK." Well, sugar plum, if you can't handle a couple of cowardly Caspers, then you'd better run to your bed and hide your ugly little head under the covers because something far more dangerous has returned!!!! That's right, all you knuckleheads and knuckleheadettes, THE GREAT ONE IS BACK!!!

How did this happen, you ask? Simple economics. While everyone was subscribing to my newsletter The Bite: Uncensored!!!, nobody was subscribing to *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*—with the exception of Bob Mitchell's 700-pound, unshaven Aunt Tilly! You see, Mr. Mitchell, who I notice is calling himself vice president these days—of what, I HAVE NO IDEA—thought he could just throw his 60-inch waistline around and censor my words of wisdom. On top of that, he figured that if I wouldn't adhere to his rules of dictatorship, he would just out and out fire me, and the little of the life that he had would just go on with no negative ramifications. Well, Mr. Ring Ding, you were wrong on all counts! Not only did I quit, but you were well on your way to renting an apartment with the Tydi-Bowl man until you called me and BEGGED for my forgiveness!

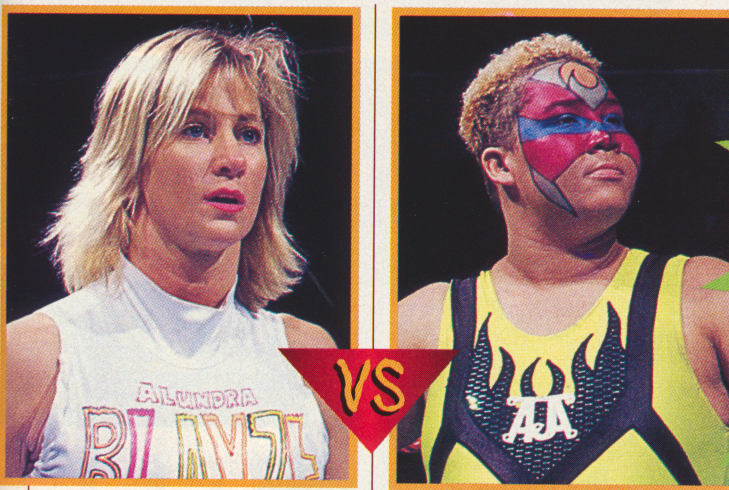
Like the rat that he is, he came crawling to me on all four paws! "Please, MR. Venom, PLEASE! My life is going down the toilet! My kids won't even talk to me, and my wife is threatening to strap the refrigerator on her back and move right out! Please, PLEASE, you have to return to the magazine!"

It was an ugly sight, boys and girls, but after weeks of Mitchell's groveling—and a SIX-figure salary—I decided to return! Now then, what better way than to pick up right where I left off: MY FEARLESS PREDICTIONS. Since I had continued my predictions in my best-selling newsletter, I believe my record now stands at 1,001-0.

The 1996 ROYAL RUMBLE

30-Man Over the Top Battle Royal

Anyone who is anybody is going to sign on the dotted line and join in on this fracas! I hear that even Mitchell's wife has put in for two spots. What do you mean what do I mean—two? She was too BIG for one! Anyway, 30 individuals are gonna



Vic Venom's ROYAL RUMBLE Predictions

come, and 29 are gonna go. Only one lone wolf is going to be standing tall when that bell ding-dongs. Who?—you pathetically ask. It's simple—BIG DADDY COOL. Bet the house, bet the ranch, bet your stinkin' lunch money! Diesel is truly on a roll, and don't expect him to brake for a pit stop here. Winning the *Royal Rumble* means a possible title shot at Bret Hart at *WrestleMania XII*—IF he is still the champion—and for the past two months the Hit Man is all BDC has thought about! Remember what Diesel did at the *Rumble* two years ago? Well, it's gonna be DAY JA VOO—I think that's how you spell it—all over again!

SMOKING GUNNS vs. PSYCHO SID and the 1-2-3 KID

Tag Team Title Match

You're not going to believe this, but I'm gonna tell you anyway. I give Butch and Sundance a whole lotta credit! These two cowgirls—even though I put them over, I still have to insult them—have come a long way here in the World Wrestling Federation. From a couple of spaghetti western ham-n-eggers to the top bunk of the Federation! YIPPEE, YAHOO and YAHOO-E! But that was yesterday—and this is today! The rodeo is over, boys! Psycho Sid and the Kid are the most dangerous duo that the Federation has seen in many sunrises—and sunsets! Their unique combination of power and speed will ALMOST DEFINITELY send the cowgirls right back to the dude ranch with their tails between their legs, thus adding even more gold to the already filthy rich Million Dollar Corporation!

ALUNDRA BLAYZE VS. AJA KONG

Women's Title Match

In her three-time reign as Women's Federation Champion, Alundra Blayze has had her share of fierce opponents—but Aja Kong is no fierce opponent; she's an ANIMAL. A woman that I wouldn't even go out with, Aja is a true beast in every sense of the word! Not only does she look like the twin sister of the Mighty Kong, but she might be as powerful as her beastly brother too! Look for the big backhand of the merciless monkey to sizzle out Blayze's fire.

MIDGET MATCH

No matter which way you slice it, everybody involved in this match is going to be coming out on the SHORT end of the stick! Aw, c'mon! That's a LITTLE funny!

BRET HART VS. THE UNDERTAKER

Federation Title Match

I had the pleasure of witnessing this match-up at Madison Square Garden about three years ago, and it was one that I will never forget. Without question, it was one of the best matches I have ever seen. This war should be no different. It's the Technician vs. The Dead Guy. I can go on for hours about both individuals. Throughout their illustrious careers, they've both done it all! Each has dominated the World Wrestling Federation in his own unique way. Bret on blood, sweat and tears; and the Undertaker on fear, darkness and the unknown. Who will prevail at the *Royal Rumble*? I say the Technician. Why? Hey, what do you want to know—everything?

See ya next month—PUNKS!

To hear Vic Venom and get his unique insight, call him every Thursday thru Sunday on the World Wrestling Federation Superstars Line at 1 900-737-4WWF, and choose option number 4—Beyond the Pages of the World Wrestling Federation Magazine. (Call is $1.49 per minute. You must be 18 years of age or have your parent's permission before you call.)

IN THE LINE OF FIRE

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Never in the history of the Federation have there been two individuals who are more deserving of each other than the 1-2-3 Kid and Psycho Sid.

It's no secret that both superstars helped make their names by back-stabbing former friends. First it was Sid, who about a year ago, while serving as the bodyguard of Shawn Michaels, powerbombed the Heartbreak Kid into oblivion when his back was turned and he least expected it. Then there is the documented betrayal of Razor Ramon, written and performed by Sean Waltman, a.k.a. the 1-2-3 Kid. It was the Kid who did the job on his longtime friend when he served as a guest referee in a match between the Bad Guy and Psycho Sid. To the shock and disgust of a national audience watching on *Monday Night Raw*, the Kid first saved Sid from Ramon's crippling Razor's Edge, then proceeded to quick count the Bad Guy after Sid covered him.

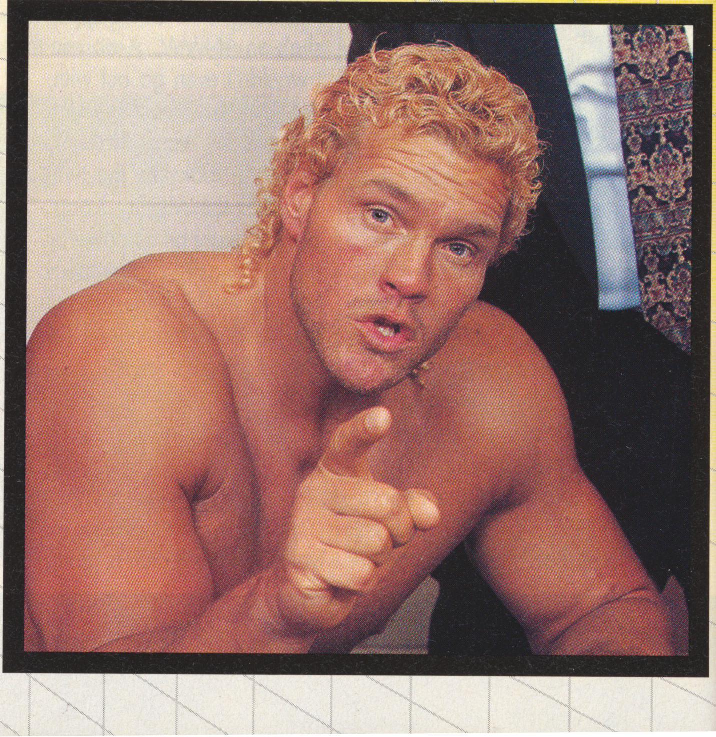
If you think both stories appear quite similar, you're absolutely right! Maybe that's because they were orchestrated by the same man—or should I say "mastermind"—the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase. Now with his Million Dollar Dream Team in place, DiBiase readies his troops to obtain yet even more gold as they prepare to take the Tag Team Title Belts from the Smoking Gunns at the *Royal Rumble*.

EDITOR: First of all, Kid, how long had you been in cahoots with the Million Dollar Man while you were pretending to be Razor Ramon's friend?

1-2-3 KID: There were no cahoots, and I wasn't pretending to be anybody's friend! I just made a business decision! I've admired Ted DiBiase for years! Ever since I was a little kid!

EDITOR: Fine. So what you're telling me is that EVERYBODY has a price. What was yours?

DIBIASE: Now wait a minute, Russo! It's none of your business! The simple fact is this—the Kid has finally realized what's impor-



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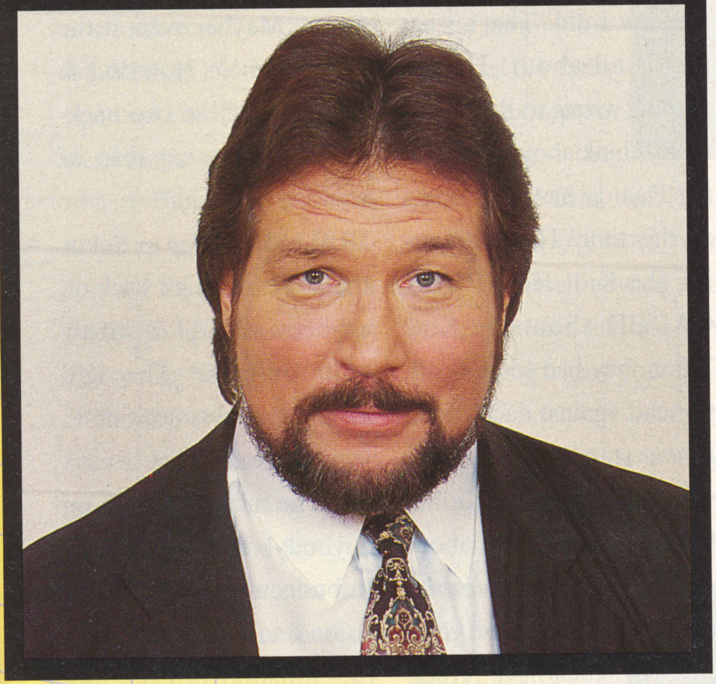
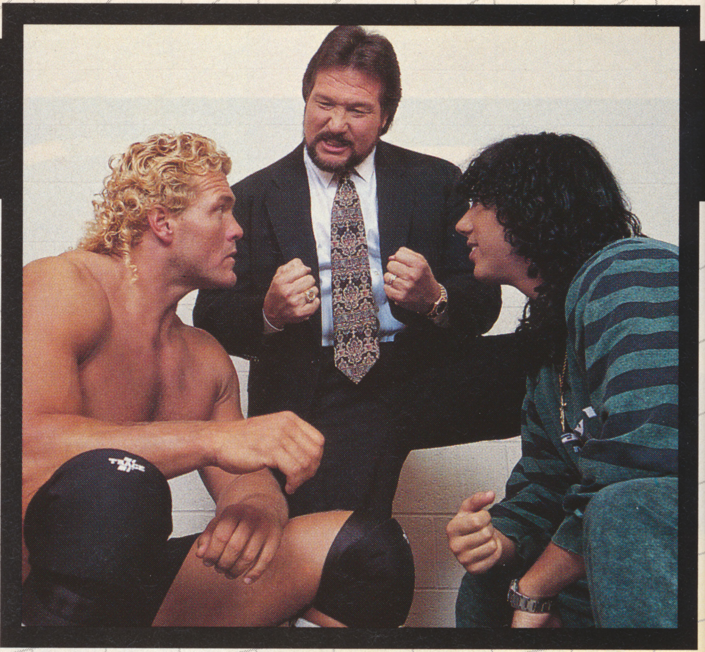


tant in the World Wrestling Federation and—for that matter—in the business world at large! That's winning and taking home the money! It doesn't matter whom you have to step on, or step over, to get the job done—just get the job done! He's finally realized that, and he's thrilled to be on the team! That's all you need to know!

EDITOR: How do you just throw away the relationship you had with Razor as if it was nothing? I can't believe that there isn't a compassionate bone in your body.

1-2-3 KID: (Laughing) You act as if I was married to the guy or something. For crying out loud, this is the World Wrestling Federation! We're all professionals! We're athletes! In the NFL, people get traded from one team to another all the time! It's a fact of life! It's a business!

EDITOR: I don't know, Ted. It appears to me that maybe you took advantage



of someone unsure about his feelings at the time.

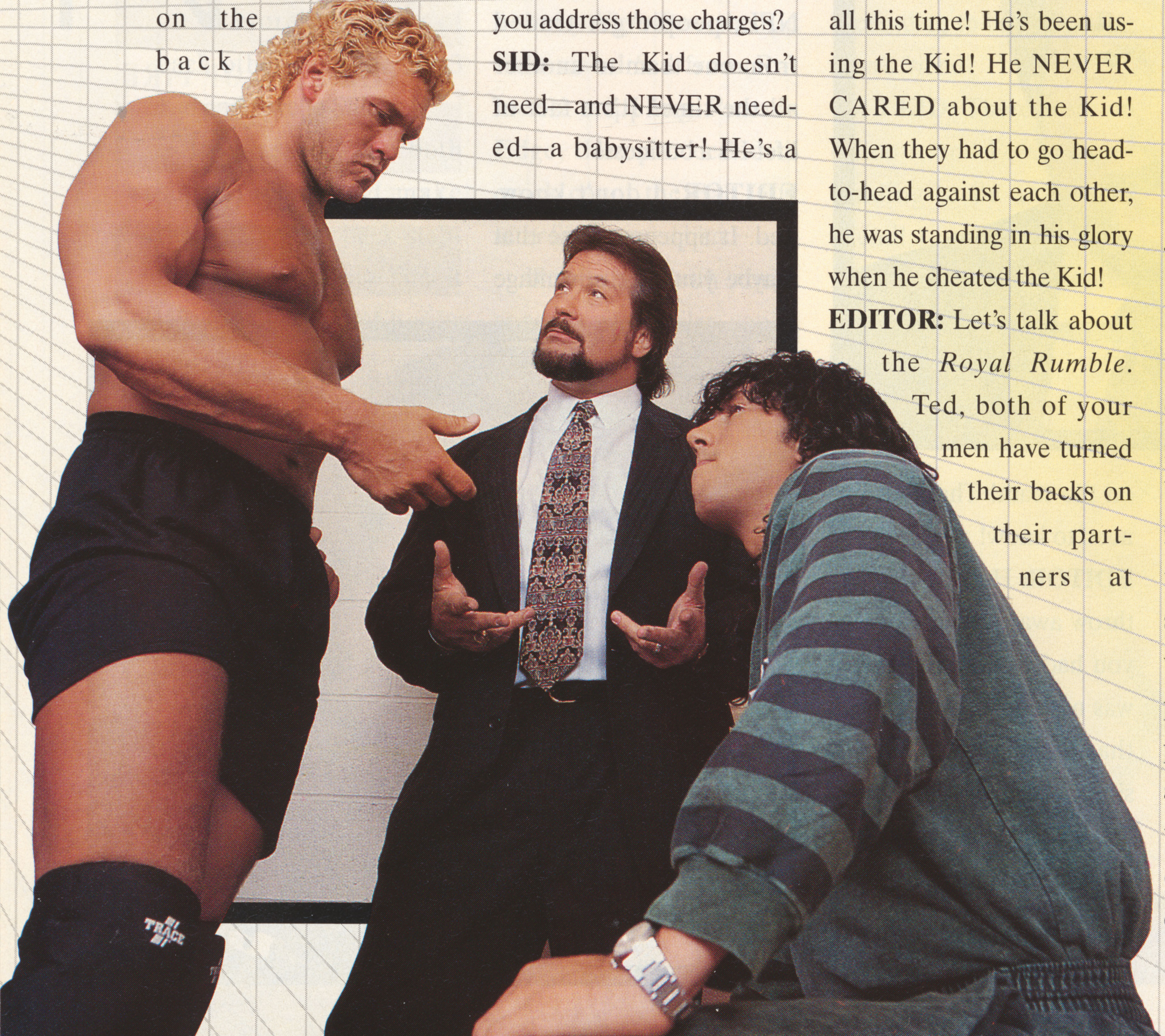
DIBIASE: What are you, Russo? Some kind of psychologist or something? Absolutely not! What I took advantage of was a young man's talent that was being MISDIRECTED—if you will—by one Razor Ramon! I simply woke the Kid up to the fact that while Razor Ramon was patting him on the back with one hand, he was stabbing him with the other one! He was holding the Kid down! Filling his head with all kinds of garbage! The truth is, the Kid has found a home, and he's found friends—TRUE friends—in me and Sid!

EDITOR: Speaking of Sid, many are calling you nothing more than a "glorified baby-sitter." How would you address those charges?

SID: The Kid doesn't need—and NEVER needed—a babysitter! He's a grown man! He made the decision for MONEY, just the way I did! That's what this is all about! He did nothing wrong to Razor Ramon! Think about what Razor Ramon has been doing all this time! He's been using the Kid! He NEVER CARED about the Kid! When they had to go head-to-head against each other, he was standing in his glory when he cheated the Kid!

EDITOR: Let's talk about the *Royal Rumble*. Ted, both of your men have turned their backs on their partners at one time. How do you know this won't happen again? Maybe, even at the *Royal Rumble*. How do you know that these two backstabbers are capable of working as a team?

DIBIASE: As far as Sid or the Kid turning his back on anybody—THAT is strictly your opinion! The Kid made a business decision to join our team! That doesn't mean he turned his back on anybody! This is business! In business you make a decision and you go on! This isn't a matter of backstabbing! The Kid simply realized that his current situation wasn't going anywhere, so he went somewhere where it would go someplace! This team will go places! You'll find that out at the *Rumble* when we walk away as champions! I don't make bets or wagers I can't back up, so you can



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take that one to the bank!

EDITOR: 1-2-3 Kid, I keep hearing the word business, business, business. The fact is that with your "business" decision, you let down millions of your fans! Where does that fit into the "business" scheme of all this?

1-2-3 KID: That doesn't fit in anywhere! Don't you understand that I don't care about them? All I care about is myself! I'm securing my financial future! I hope you understand what I'm saying, Vince!

SID: Maybe you can understand this, you four-eyed geek! We're opening bigger and better doors for ourselves! You see, what it is, is that you're a critic! You don't want to see us succeed! You're one of those "rah-rah-rah Razor Ramon is my hero" type of guys!

1-2-3 KID: That's right, Vince! You are nothing but a critic! What do you know about war when you've never cocked a cannon? You sit out there and make judgments about this guy's and that guy's wrestling ability. You talk about who turned their back on whom. All you are is a suit sitting behind a desk and watching television!

DIBIASE: As far as his turning his back on the fans, who gives a plug nickel about the fans? As I told the Kid, when it's all over and your body's been all abused and beaten up, are the fans out there going to pay your bills for you? Are they going to be there when you may need some help? NO! What you have to do is separate yourself from all that and live for right now! Take everything you can get!

EDITOR: So, Kid, I guess that also means your being a role model for kids goes right out the window.

1-2-3 KID: I've got news for you, and I want everybody to understand this—I'm not a role model for anybody! If you kids out here want role models, then look up to your Sunday school teachers! Don't look to Sid, don't look to me and don't look to the Million Dollar Man!

DIBIASE: Personally, I think I'm a pretty good role model. If you imitate me, you're bound to be successful! You're bound to be rich! How much better does it get than that?

EDITOR: Ted DiBiase, all I have to say is what goes around comes around. These two men have shown what loyalty is all about—just ask Shawn Michaels and Razor Ramon. You—their friend—may someday find yourself suffering the same consequences!

DIBIASE: (Laughing) So! That's your opinion—too bad nobody cares!

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What May...Or May Not...Happen in

BY VINCE RUSSO

Can the future be predicted? NOT! But that doesn't mean that I can't look into my crystal turnbuckle for insights into 1996. Heck, I'm the editor! I can do whatever I want!

Here goes:

MR. BOB BACKLUND—To the shock and surprise of the entire world, Mr. Backlund will be named president of the United States in 1996! Once in office, the first bill he will pass will implement a law that will see all public and private schools open seven days a week! And, if that isn't enough, students will be required to attend school 12 hours a day! Unfortunately for Mr. President, there will be an assassination attempt on his life by none other than the Little Rascals! Even though Spanky will be arrested as the lone gunman, it was Alfalfa's super-soaker shot from the grassy knoll that caused most of the damage.

BRITISH BULLDOG—After losing the family feud to Bret Hart once and for all, the British Bulldog will go into a deep depression that eventually will lead him into seclusion. Finally, after months of hibernation, the Dog will get a phone call that will convince him to meet his brother-in-law just one last time—only this time the forum will be a bit different. You see, it will be Richard Dawson—during sweeps week—who talks the Dog into appearing on his *Family Feud* in one last showdown with the Hit Man! With the score tied, Dawson asks this final question, "Name the person—whose last name OR first name begins with a C—who most embarrasses himself or herself every time they get dressed in the morning." Without hesitation, the Dog bites down on his buzzer and answers, "Courtney Love!" Bret then nonchalantly answers, "James E. Cornette." SURVEY SAYS—JAMES E. CORNETTE! In a rage, the Bulldog powerslams Dawson, steams off the set and is never to be heard from again!

ALUNDRA BLAYZE—After a lengthy war with Japan's Aja Kong—that will see the Women's Federation Title change hands on numerous occasions—Alundra Blayze will continue to defend her honor by taking on even more competitors from the Far East, with many of them being even more fierce than Kong. However, by mid-year, Blayze's most threatening challenge—OF HER CAREER—may come from right here in the United States!

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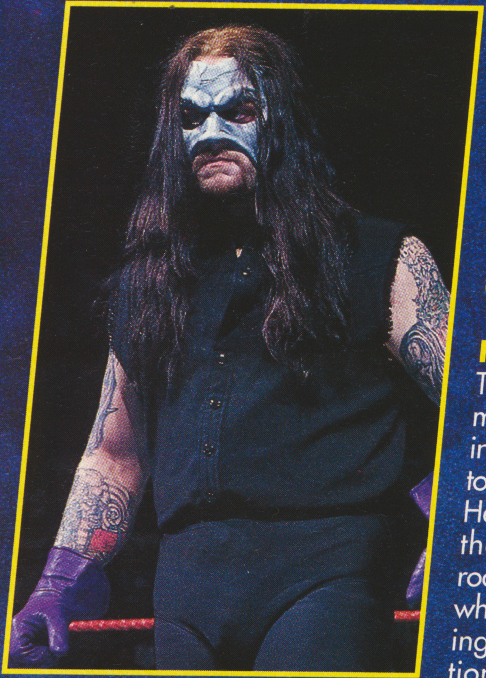
DIESEL—Now, back on track, Big Daddy Cool Diesel will be one of the most dominating forces in the squared circle in 1996. It may take some time, and he will have to go through a lot of people—including friends—but when the truck pulls into a rest stop by year's end, Big D may very well be wearing the Federation gold once again!

BROTHER LOVE—He is not back in the World Wrestling Federation just to spread the good word; he is back for a reason! A DARK, MYSTERIOUS reason!

TED DIBIASE—To the chagrin of most, Ted DiBiase will get Federation gold in 1996. However, before interest even kicks in, DiBiase may get his "account cleaned" by one of his employees who finally sees him for what he really is!

GOLDUST—Goldust has Intercontinental Champion written all over him in 1996. AND let me say this—he has not shown ALL HIS SCENES—YET! The Golden One may have a few special effects up his sleeve that will make him a much more dangerous star than he is today! By the way, he will be invited to the Oscars, but once he hears that Madonna is attending—he will snub them!



THE UNDERTAKER—In 1996, the Undertaker's funeral march to the Federation gold will come to a screeching stop when a certain someone finally discovers his lone weakness! It will be the one thing that has been unknown to the Grim Reaper his entire life—however long that has been! Talk about his gravest challenge? This amazing new discovery might just lead to the beginning of the end for everybody's favorite corpse!

HENRY GODWINN—Will not bathe in 1996.

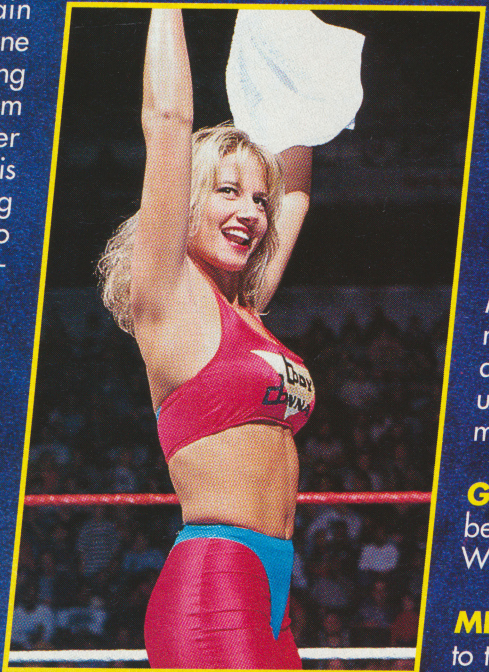
SMOKING GUNNS—The Smoking Gunns will drop the Tag Team Belts in 1996, BUT the third time will be a charm as they recapture them later in the year. And, speaking of later in the year, don't be surprised if when the leaves turn—so will one of the Gunns!!!

HAKUSHI—Will not learn to speak English but will master the recipe for matzo-ball soup, courtesy of Mrs. Horowitz!

BRET "HIT MAN" HART—Even though Bret's reign as Federation Champion will not last the year, Bret will indeed go on to bigger and better things. What could be bigger and better, you ask? How about bagging the triple crown of wrestling for the THIRD TIME! Look for the last leg to be Bret's winning the Tag Team Title at the end of the year with a very unlikely partner!

OWEN HART—See Bret Hart.

HUNTER HEARST-HELMSLEY—The trauma of being slopped numerous times and being dumped in an Arkansas hog pen will prove to be too much for Hunter Hearst-Helmsley in 1996. In a statement that he gives from his padded room, Hunter will shock the world when he announces that he is leaving the World Wrestling Federation in order to join the cast of *HEE-HAW!* "As a boy, I always did have a thing for that Minnie Pearl—-HOWDYYY!"



SUNNY OF THE BODY DONNAS—Yet, another surprise! Sunny will leave Skip and serve as the manager of another World Wrestling Federation superstar!

YOKOZUNA—I believe that Godzilla will have a change of heart in 1996! The Federation's biggest foe may indeed become its biggest friend!

JERRY "THE KING" LAWLER—Will lose to Bret. Might munch on his own feet again.

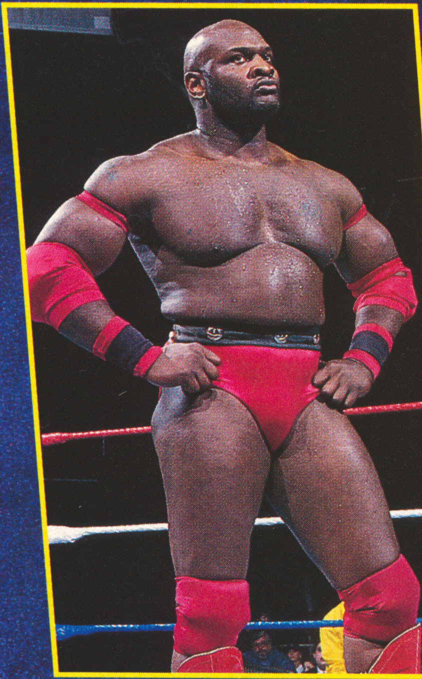
KING MABEL—If King Mabel has anything to say about it, HE, not Ahmed Johnson, is going to become the first African-American to capture the World Wrestling Federation Title. Don't count him out! Tag Team Champion, King of the Ring in his VERY early twenties, Mabel has already established a name for himself here in the Federation. Look for that trend to continue in 1996. I'm picking the King as my dark horse in '96!

GORILLA MONSOON—Will be voted in as permanent World Wrestling Federation president!

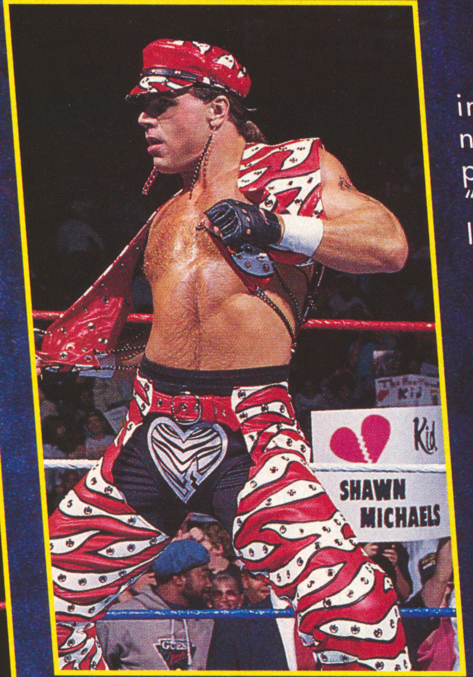
MR. PERFECT—Will be returning to the squared circle. Will be right in the thick of things. WILL NOT mess up his hair!

RAZOR RAMON—Ramon will drop the Intercontinental Belt early in the year, BUT after taking some

much needed time off, he will return and go after the one thing that has eluded him too all these years. Don't be surprised if the Bad Guy is climbing the ladder—for the BIG prize—by year's end!



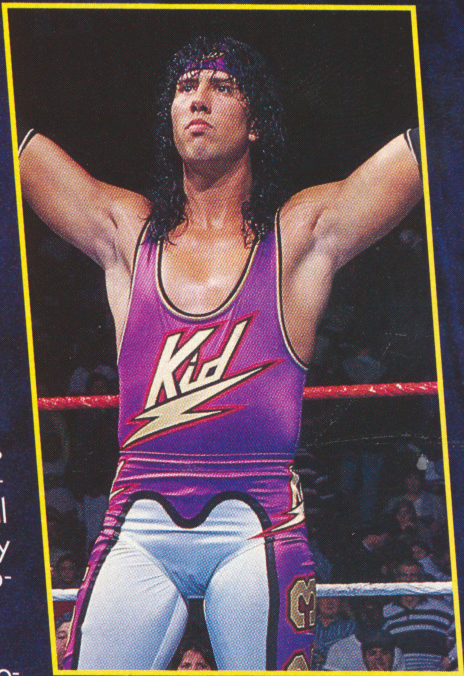
AHMED JOHNSON—Johnson may have the biggest year of all in 1996! First, I see him stripping Goldust of the Intercontinental Title Belt, thus making him the first African-American athlete to achieve such an honor! Then? Yes, also in 1996, Ahmed Johnson could very well become the first African-American World Wrestling Federation Champion!



SHAWN MICHAELS—To the thrill of the world, Shawn Michaels not only will return to the ring in 1996, but he will capture the one—and only—thing that has eluded him for all these years! Unfortunately, Shawn's health will still not be 100 percent, which may cause him further physical problems later on in the year.

SID—Will finally receive the accolades that he so rightfully deserves in '96. AND—here's the big news—Sid may show the all the postmen of America WHAT A "REAL" DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEE IS ALL ABOUT!

1-2-3 KID—Will put on a pound and balloon up to 151 pounds—THAT'S SOAKING WET!



OTHER PREDICTIONS—Thanks to Ted DiBiase's wallet, Vic Venom will own the *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*, the Informer will be revealed, the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers will break up, George Costanza WILL NOT get married and Roseanne Barr-Arnold-Limo Driver will go on yet another diet. WF

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION'S

Video Game REVIEW

GAME TITLE:
EARTHWORM JIM 2

MACHINE:
GENESIS

MANUFACTURER:
DEVELOPED BY SHINY ENTERTAINMENT FOR
PLAYMATES INTERACTIVE

THEME:
ADVENTURE

LEVELS:
10

PLAYERS:
1

MEGS:
24

EST. PRICE:
$59.99

T-BOY'S SCORE

GAME PLAY	6
GRAPHICS	9
MUSIC/SOUND	9
OVERALL SCORE ▶▶▶	8

SIDESCROLL'S SCORE

GAME PLAY	7
GRAPHICS	9
MUSIC/SOUND	8
OVERALL SCORE ▶▶▶	8

Sidescroll & T-Boy Illustrations by: Howard M. Colbert

SYSTEM TYPE

GENESIS

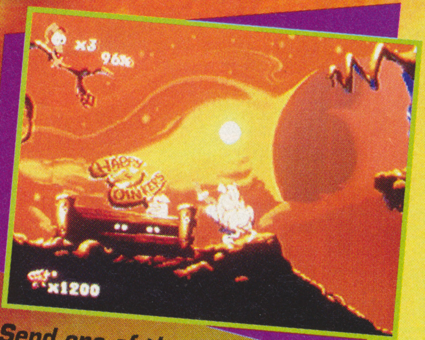
BY T-BOY & SIDESCROLL

EARTHWORM JIM 2

KIDS TO ADULTS
KA
AGES 6+

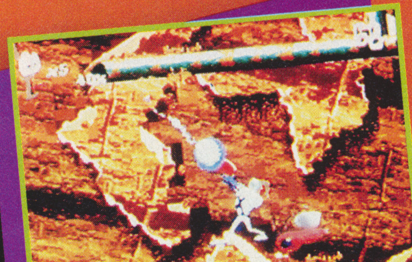
He's back! That slimy, groovy, worm of a guy on a rocket pocket has returned to save his damsel in distress, Princess What's-Her-Name? After accidentally crushing the princess with a flying cow, which Jim unknowingly launched toward his love muffin in the first cart, he instantly inflated the beautiful princess via video game magic only for her to be kidnapped by the evil, worm-picking Psy-Crow. Since Princess What's-Her-Name is the only heir to the throne, her husband will become Monarch of the galaxy! Psy-Crow likes the sound of that, so he's off to the Lost Vegas system to get hitched at a 24-hour wedding palace. Go get him, Jim! Show him who's the real man, I mean worm. You have to slime your way through 10 levels of action going up against mutant ants, flying saucers, attacking file cabinets and an annoying salt shaker, not to mention flying puppies that you have to save with your marshmallow of love. Don't worry though, Jim's asked his green pal Snot to help him track down Psy-Crow throughout this 24-Meg adventure. This sounds as if it can get pretty sticky!

Earthworm Jim was without a doubt one of the greatest games to come along, and this sequel is just as good.



Send one of the pigs down the pig chute to get past the pond.

PRINCESS WHAT'S-HER-NAME



Pesky ants! Shoot the rocks above their holes to trap them inside.

PSY-CROW

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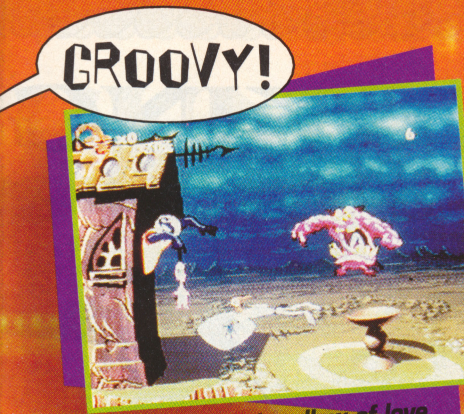
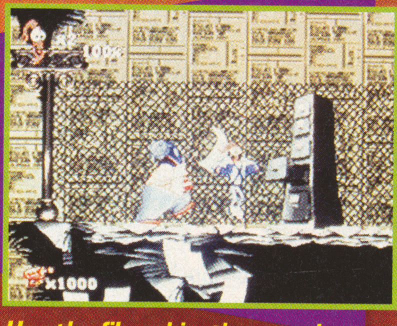


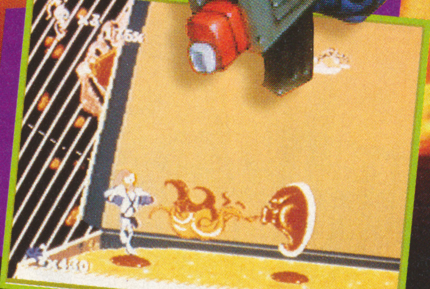
Oh, giant marshmallow of love, save Peter's puppies one-by-one!

Earthworm Jim 2 has all the excellent graphics and sound effects that we enjoyed in the first game and interesting levels to test your abilities as a super-hero worm. There are also new weapons that Jim has at his disposal in this game from homing missiles to the monstrous Barn Blaster, which will destroy everything on the screen. Although there's a password system included in this game, something which the first game didn't have, it's only good for as long as you have your Genesis powered up and only if you collect all three password flags for a level. As soon as you turn the unit off, you can kiss your password goodbye; adios, catch ya later, hasta la vista, baby! Not much of a password system in our books. You'll also enjoy the antics of Jim throughout the game. Just let him stand there without doing anything, and Jim will put on a show for you that could even make Hunter Hearst-Helmsley crack a smile!



Use the file cabinet's open drawer to leap past the ISO 9000 nightmare.

Earthworm Jim 2 definitely will give you hours of fun; however, this game isn't that difficult to beat, especially for two video game gods like T-boy & Sidescroll! Are you like us, kids? Do you want a game that makes you laugh while you're plowing your way through the bad guys? Then you'll want to grab hold of this game, especially if you're itching for the first-ever worm and snot tag team combination.



Tenderize that slab of meat when he comes down to spit fire.

Game:
Mortal Kombat III

System:
Genesis/SNES/Arcade

Tip:
To perform Kano's Fatality called Red Eye, from a little more than a sweep distance tap forward three times, then one high kick.

Thanks for the tip, Nicholas!

Nicholas Walshak
Pittsburgh, PA

READERS' TOP TEN

SUPER NES

1. WWF Raw
2. Donkey Kong Country
3. Mortal Kombat II
4. Super Punch-Out
5. Supr. St. Fghtr II-Turbo
6. Super Metroid
7. Ken Griffey Jr B-ball
8. WWF Royal Rumble
9. Wolverine
10. NBA Jam: TE

GENESIS

1. WWF Raw
2. NBA Jam
3. Mortal Kombat II
4. WWF Royal Rumble
5. Sonic and Knuckles
6. Mortal Kombat
7. NBA Jam: TE
8. NBA Live '95
9. Street Fighter II
10. Lion King

Hey, Kids! Don't forget to send in your tips and vote for your favorite game for *SUPER NES* or *GENESIS* each month. You can also write to T-Boy and Sidescroll. Send your letters with your name and address to:

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THE CRITICS' CORNER

T-Boy: All right, big guy. I've been waiting for the return of the worm. I loved it, but I was also a little disappointed.

Sidescroll: Big guy? Listen here, stick man. The only thing that disappointed me was that you actually had the satisfaction of beating a game, finally!

T-Boy: That's the thing; it was too easy, but I had a great time playing. "Snot" actually reminded me of you. Slimy and a little crusty around the edges.

Sidescroll: Let's step outside, dirtbag, so I can pick the stuffing out of that puny little brain of yours, like my good pal Psy-Crow does to Earthworm Jim!

WHY THE SMOKING

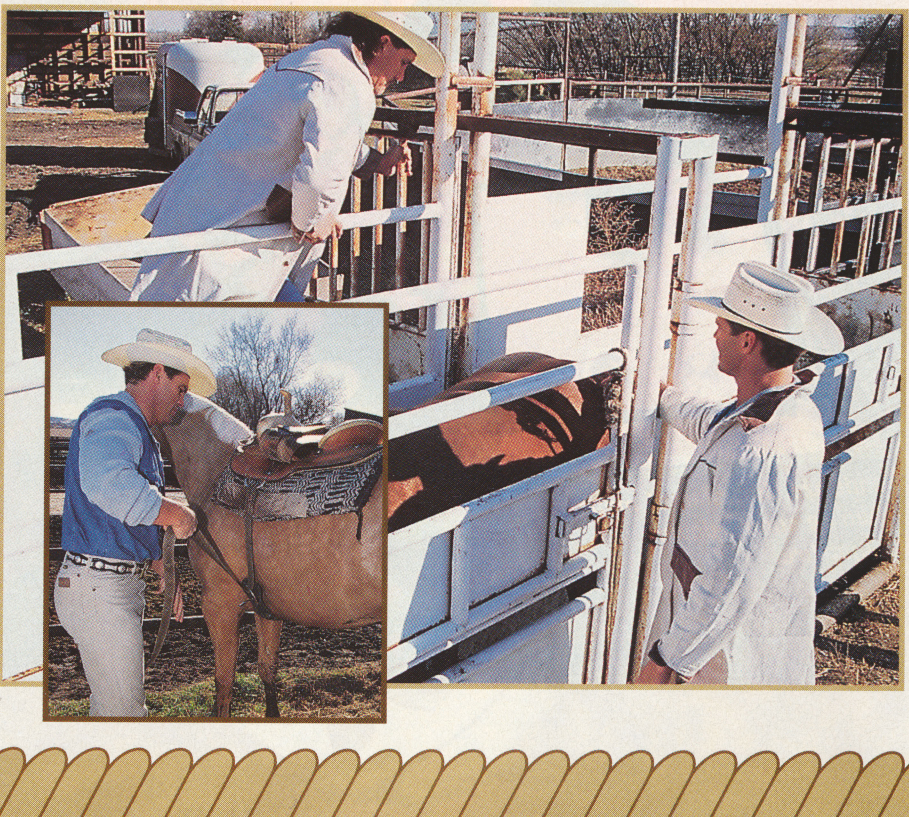
R-E-S-P

A COMMENTARY BY VINCE RUSSO

It has been two years since the two cowboys rode their shiny auburn stallions into the World Wrestling Federation. In those early showdowns, the Smoking Gunns had to prove their way in Dodge City. They were the new gunslingers on the block, in a world filled with outlaw teams just longin' to put the boots to 'em! One-by-one they took on the guys in the black hats, and one-by-one they ran 'em out of town! As the sun went down and the days grew into nights, the cowboys slowly but surely developed a reputation in Dodge. No longer were they the white-hatted strangers just lookin' to make a name for themselves, but they were now the marshals! Perched high in their saddles, high noon had arrived, and they now governed the Federation!

However, somethin' just wasn't right. The townspeople of Dodge City were behind them all right, but for some reason the cowboys felt that they hadn't earned their honor. They'd been through every villain including the sinister jealous brother and his 641-pound sidekick, but yet they still felt that they had to prove themselves every day, from sunrise to sunset! Indeed, they were champions, but their personal shoot-out continued to handcuff the one dang thing that they felt just kept gettin' away from them—RESPECT.

"No, I don't believe we get the respect we deserve," commented Billy Gunn as he sat in an empty arena reflecting back on the career of the Smoking Gunns. "I think that part of that has to do with the tag team competition here in the World Wrestling Federation. After we defeated Yoko and Owen, there just wasn't that dominant team to beat next! Although that had nothin' to do with us! This Federation has had a reputation of great tag teams, and whether you're talkin' about the Steiner Brothers, the Legion of Doom or Demolition, Bart and I feel that the Smoking Gunns are right up there with them! Yeah, there are those who say that we would never have beaten any of those teams, but we'll never know that



GUNNS CAN'T ROPE

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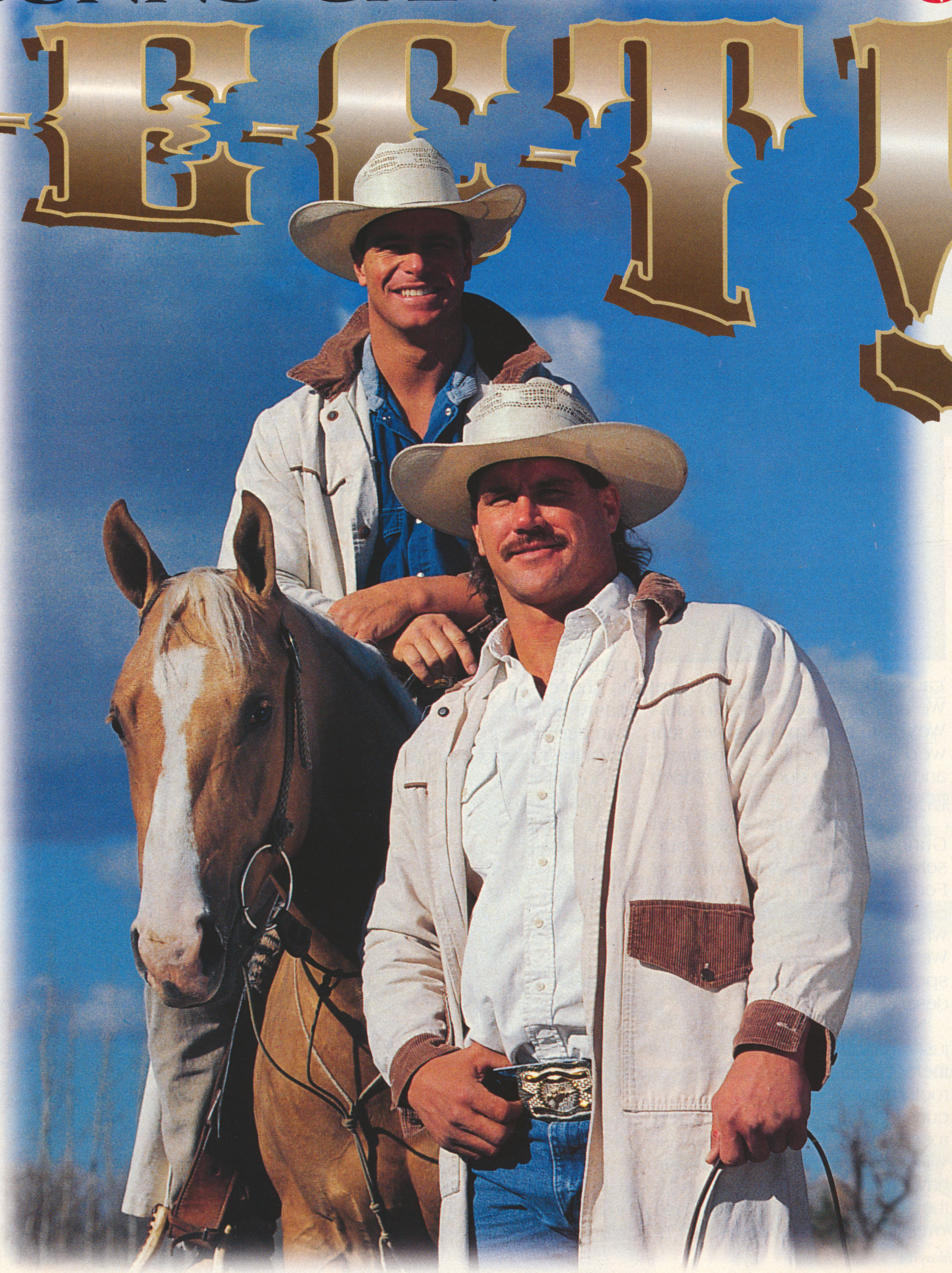

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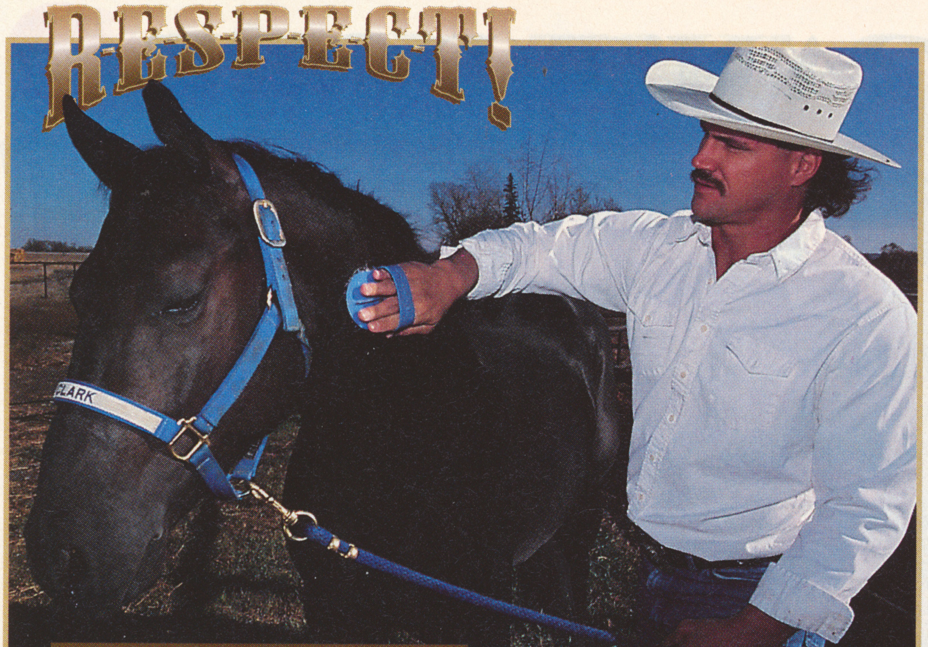


'cause they're not here anymore! We are—and we're here to stay! We've stated a million times that we'd face anybody—anywhere—and we haven't ducked or hidden from anyone!"

"Billy's right," shot back Bart Gunn. "We want to prove ourselves here in the World Wrestling Federation! We'd put our title up on the line every night if that's what it takes to prove ourselves! We want the people's respect, and we feel we deserve it!"

Now, wait just a minute there, buckaroo! The one question that stands out like a red rose growing wild on a cactus is: WHY don't the Smoking Gunns have the respect that they think they deserve? Winning two World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Titles should have—WITHOUT A DOUBT—made them the proud owners of R-E-S-P-E-C-T!

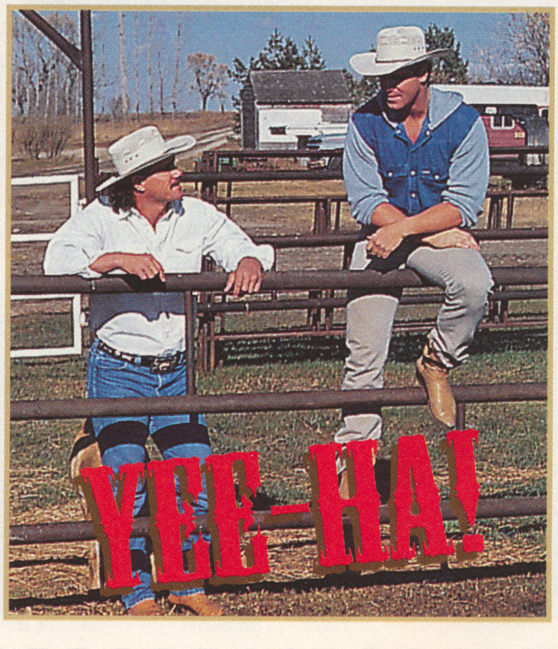
"I think the problem is that the fans see us as just `two good ol' guys,' " commented Billy. "Unfortunately, due to our upbringing, WE ARE NICE GUYS! Heck, we're nice to everybody; that's just our nature! BUT, when push comes to shove, we can get mean and nasty with the best of 'em! We can get down in the gutter—however they (the competition) want to do it is fine with us!"

"Just because our style isn't necessarily based on roughhousin' like many of the tag teams in the World Wrestling Federation today—and yesterday, for that matter—doesn't mean that we can't play that game!" said Bart. "Everybody has their own style. Demolition was powerful, Rick and Scott Steiner were both great amateur wrestlers, the British Bulldogs used a combination of speed and power and the Hart Foundation was known to break ALL the rules in their day! Billy and I are the BEST at what WE do! I'd be the first one to turn back the clock and put the Smoking Gunns right in the middle of all those teams just to see how good we really are!"

Unfortunately, Billy and Bart Gunn are not Marty McFly and Doc Brown of *Back to the Future* fame, and turning back the clocks is something that we can only fantasize about. HOWEVER, in the minds of the Smoking Gunns, there is one match that CAN still happen to prove once and for all that they are the best in the West—East, North and South!

"It's simple," explained Billy. "Psycho Sid and the Kid. That combination is everything all rolled into one bunch. One guy is a towering menace with the power of a Mack truck, and the other guy may be pound for pound the most amazing athlete in the world today! This would surely be one of the greatest tag team matches in the history of the World Wrestling Federation!"

"A lot of questions would be answered," suggested Bart. "Ours, theirs and the fans'—but I'm tellin' ya right now—there's no question that the Cowboys would prevail!"



PERSONALITY PROFILE

Favorite Band:

BILLY: Garth Brooks and Perfect Stranger

BART: Garth Brooks, Clint Black and Colin Raye

If I Could Have Done It Differently:

BILLY: Nothin'! I'm pretty happy about the way my life turned out!

BART: I would have studied harder in school and gone more with education than with the sports.

Biggest Thrill In Life:

BILLY: In 1984, I rode a bull in a rodeo in Houston that NOBODY had been able to ride for three years!

BART: The birth of my two children and looking forward to my third!

Person You Would Most Like To Meet:

BILLY & BART: John Wayne

Hobbies:

BILLY: Spending time with my wife, Chezley, and my kids, Colton and Austin.

BART: Same thing. Spending time with my wife, Tina, and my kids, Amanda and Michael.

Favorite Fast Food:

BILLY & BART: Taco Bell

Favorite Food:

BILLY: A thick, juicy steak!

BART: Steak and potatoes

Favorite Sport (Besides Wrestling):

BILLY: Rodeo

BART: Basketball

Favorite Athlete:

BILLY: Rodeo star Tuff Hedeman

BART: Michael Jordan

Best Advice Ever Received:

BILLY: My dad once told me, "If it feels right, do it!"

BART: "Don't be a follower; be a leader!"

Favorite Movie:

BILLY & BART: *Tombstone*

Favorite Actor:

BILLY: Kurt Russell

BART: John Wayne

Favorite Actress:

BILLY: Sophia Loren

BART: Demi Moore

Secret Talent:

BILLY: I'm a pretty good roller hockey player!

BART: I'm a good "amateur style" wrestler.

Favorite Cartoon Character:

BILLY: Yosemite Sam, because he stole our persona.

BART: Wile E. Coyote

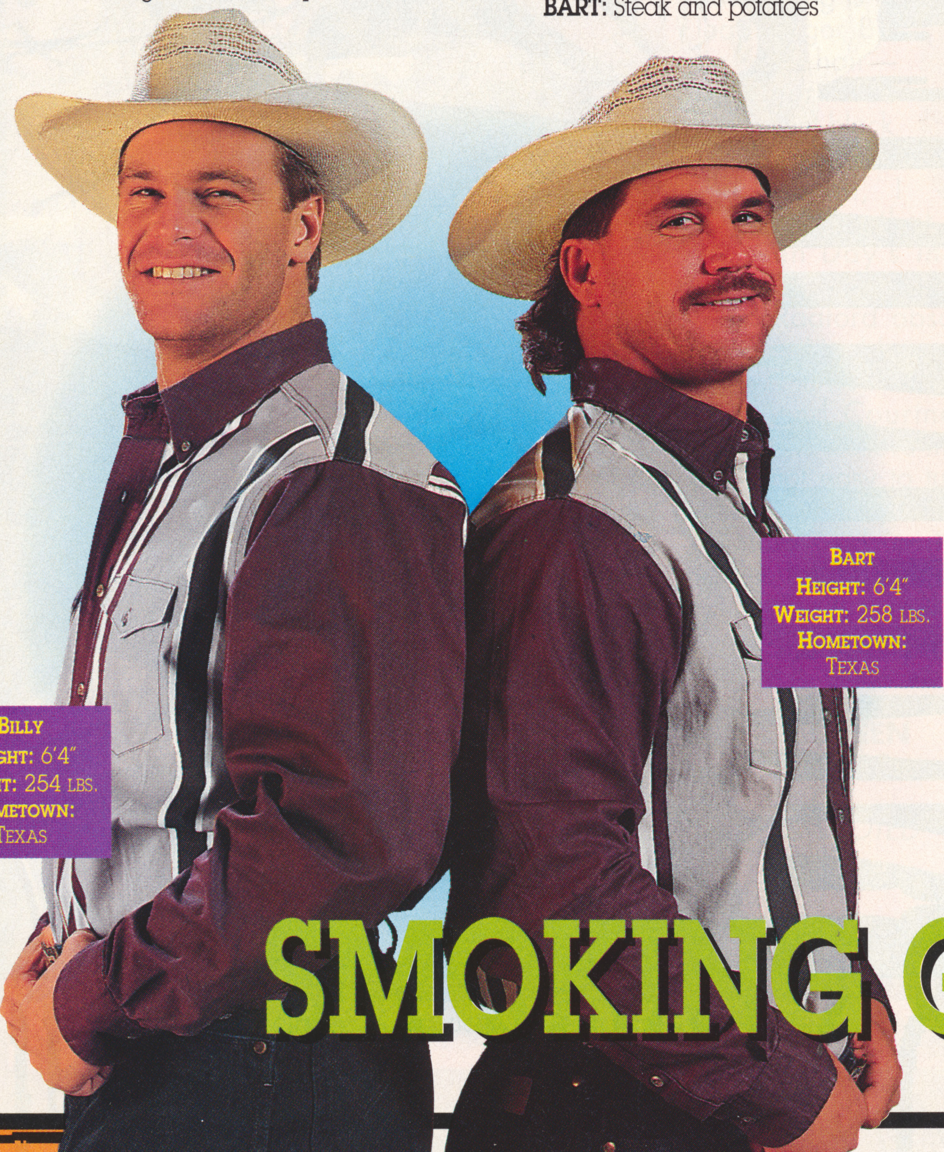
Favorite Television Show:

BILLY: Anything on HBO. I love movies!

BART: *Friends* and *ER*

Favorite Video Game:

BILLY & BART: Monday Night Raw



SMOKING GUNNS

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Texas

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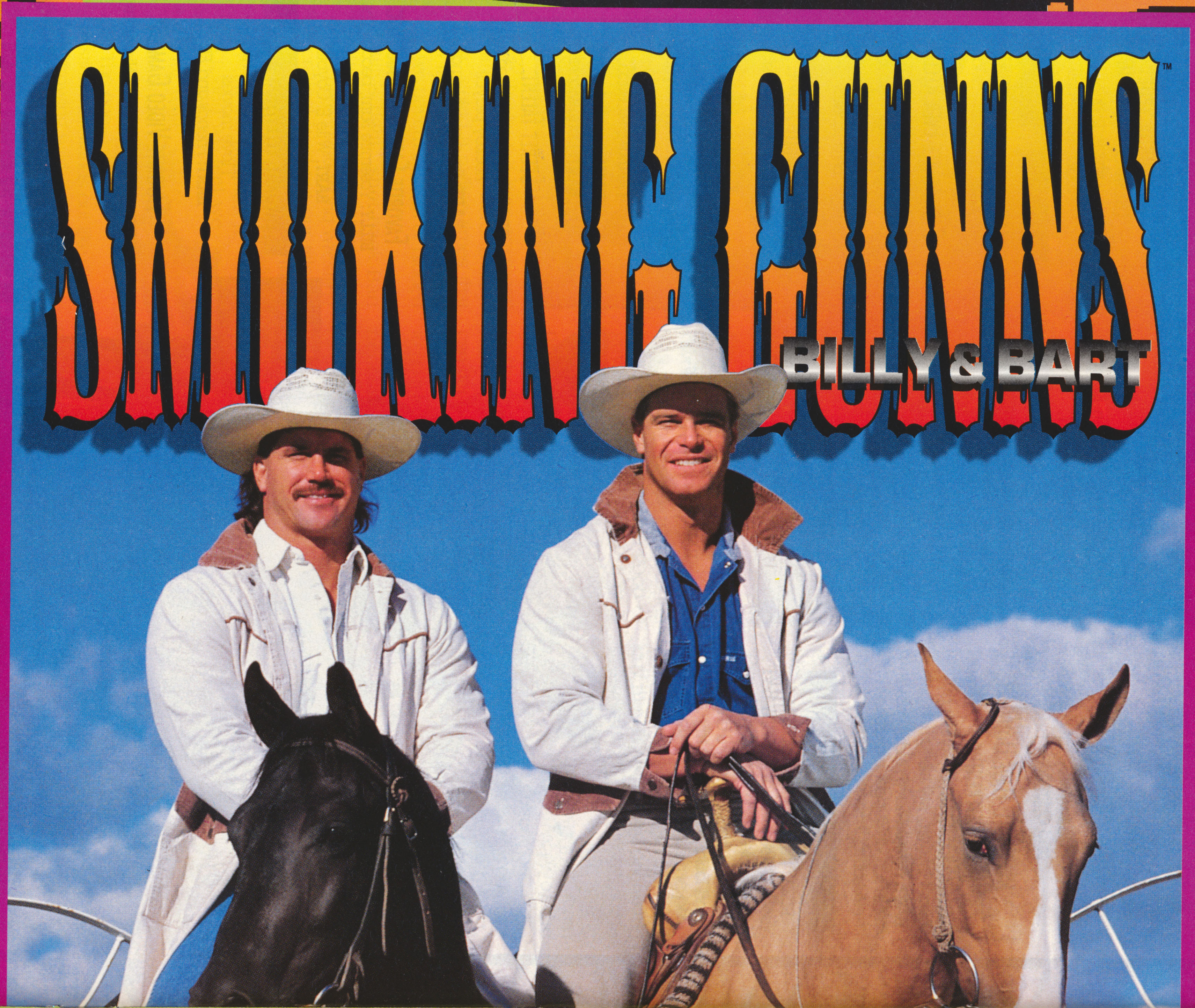
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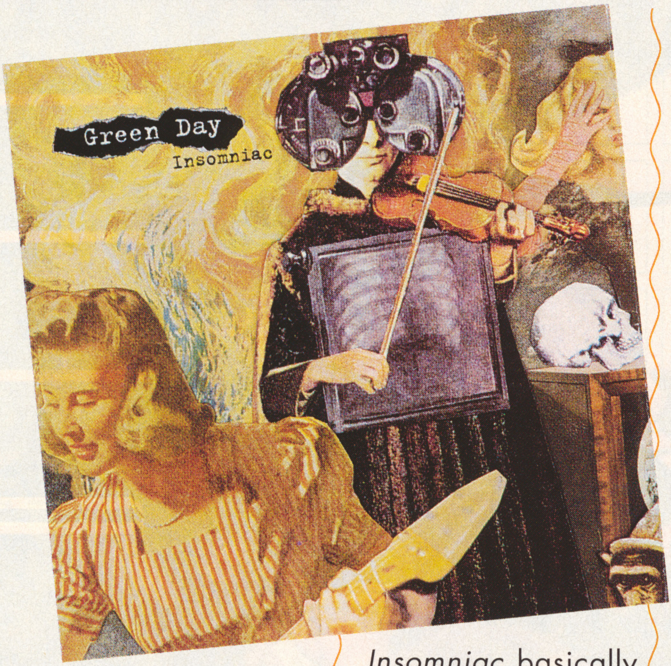

Album Review

In my opinion, Green Day's *Insomniac* is a typical Green Day album—it's nothing very special. On a scale of 1-10, I give it a 6-1/2. You can't get any higher than that with Rad Radford unless you're TRULY a grunge band! Even though Green Day tries desperately to be a grunge band by giving its songs such stupid names as "Geek Stink Breath," "Bab's Uvula Who?" and "86," it isn't! The bottom line is that all of the songs on the album *Insomniac* basically sound the same!

Now, don't think for one minute that I'm just out to trash Green Day, because I'm not. As a matter of fact, the band recently had a song on the Angus soundtrack that I actually dug—but *Insomniac* comes across as anti-climactic when compared to its last album *Dookie*. I mean, some of the songs on *Insomniac* such as "The Panic Song" and "Tight Wad Hill" play as songs that were cut by an average band! Let's face it, Green Day doesn't hold a candle to such bands as Pearl Jam and the Stone Temple Pilots. Even though Green Day IS from Seattle—which SHOCKS me—the only thing that the band seems to have going is its lead singer Billie Joe's hair—whether it be green, jet black or yellow!

All in all, I would say that Green Day's *Insomniac* showed Rad Radford absolutely nothing! I mean, it even turned off my girlfriend Courtney Love, and believe me, she's not easy to turn off! Green Day, Rad Radford's advice to you is just keep trying and someday, MAYBE someday, you might just get it right!

OTHER GREEN DAY ALBUMS:

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JANUARY 1996

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14 King Mabel's Birthday	15	16	17	18 Ted DiBiase's Birthday	19	20
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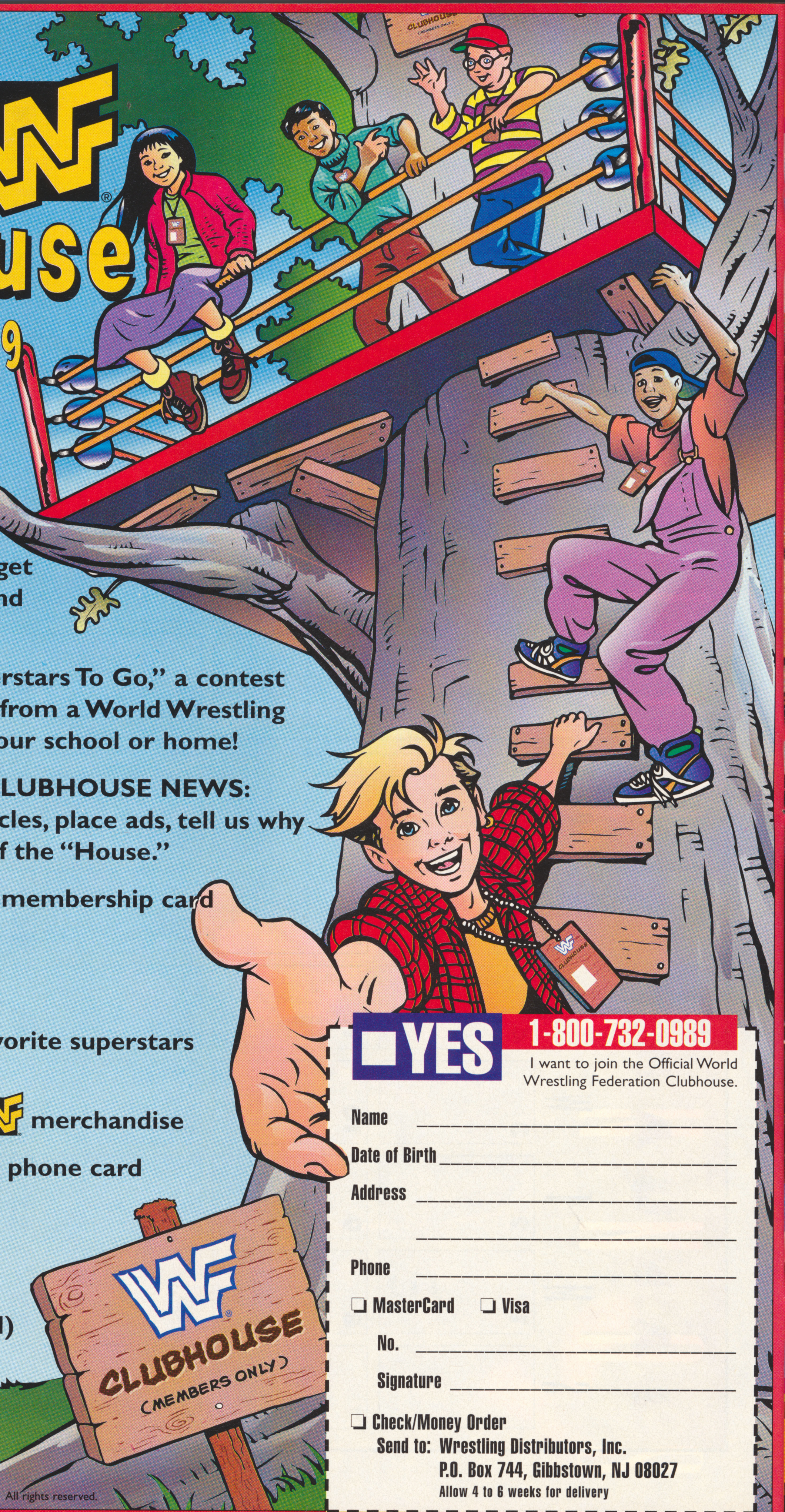

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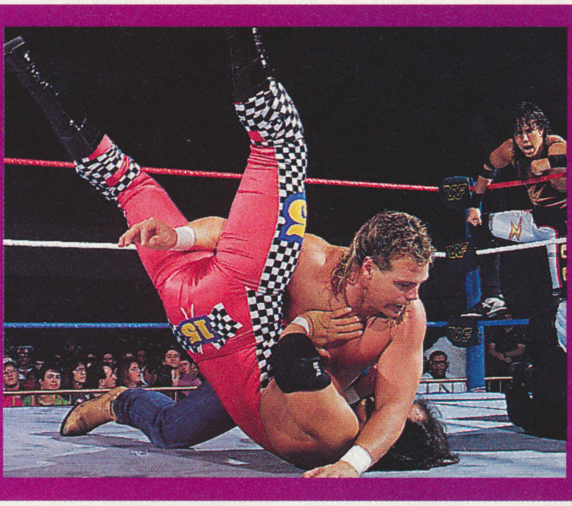
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Due to an out-of-ring injury sustained by Billy, the Smoking Gunns were forced to withdraw from a tag team tournament that was being held to determine who the new World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Champions would be after Diesel and Shawn Michaels voluntarily relinquished their belts.

MONDAY NIGHT RAW



At the 1995 Royal Rumble, the vacant title was captured by the 1-2-3 Kid and Bob Holly after they upset the much-favored team of Bam Bam Bigelow and Tatanka. Unfortunately for the underdogs, a healthy Smoking Gunns awaited them the following day, and in an unforgettable Monday Night Raw war, Billy and Bart defeated the Kid and Holly to capture their first-ever World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Championship!

WRESTLEMANIA XI

Unfortunately, Billy and Bart dropped the title in the spring at WrestleMania XI to the team of Owen Hart and his announced "mystery partner," who later turned out to be none other than the mighty 641-pound Yokozuna! With the disadvantage of not having the opportunity to prepare for this deadly duo, the Smoking Gunns were outclassed, outmatched and outhandled, thus losing their gold belts by the battle's end!

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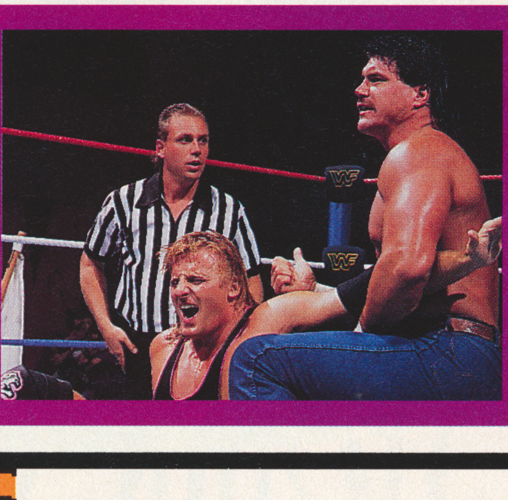

However, there would be another showdown! With the determination of a herding stampede, the Gunns were able to bounce back—like all great teams do—and defeat Yoko and Owen less than six months later on Monday Night Raw to recapture what they believed to be rightfully theirs in the first place!

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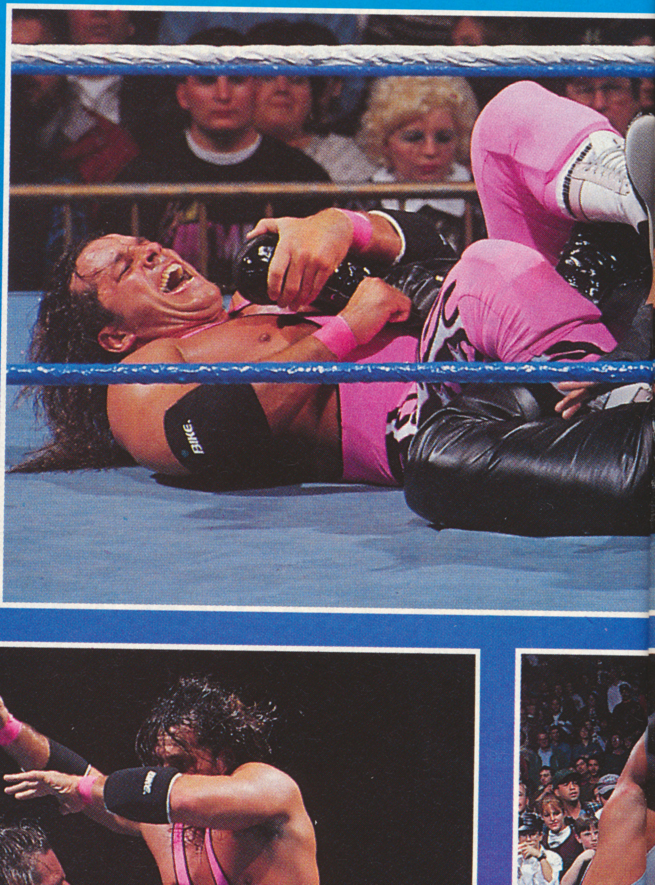
DIESEL VS. BRET "HIT MAN" HART

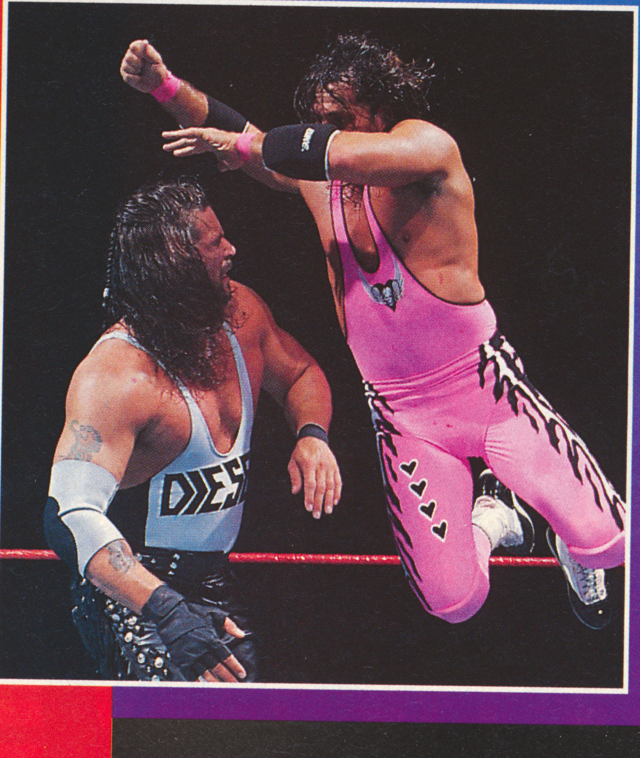
FOR THE FEDERATION TITLE

As the bell rang, Diesel bewildered both Bret and the crowd by tearing off the top turnbuckle—exposing the steel underneath. Following his lead, Bret did the same thing with a buckle on his side of the ring. Hoping to take him down to the canvas, Bret charged at Diesel as if to tackle him. He only managed to back Diesel into the corner, and soon Big Daddy Cool was raining down fists on the Hit Man's back. Bret tried getting out of the corner, but Diesel shoved him back and continued the assault. In need of a break, Bret escaped to ringside. Diesel came after him, lifting him and dropping his chin across the guardrail, then wedging a foot into the Hit Man's throat.

In the ring, Bret tried doubling over the champion with uppercuts, but he couldn't hit the right spot, and Diesel put Bret back on the arena floor. Again, Diesel followed out the Hit Man, this time whipping him into the ring steps and running his spine into the ringpost. Yanking the timekeeper out of his chair, Diesel picked up the object and cracked it across Bret's back.

Back in the ring, Diesel punished Hart with a clothesline, lifted a fist to the crowd and prepared to apply his finisher, the Jackknife. As Diesel tried lifting the Hit Man, Bret intentionally tangled his feet in the ropes. Big D again clutched onto Bret. This time, Bret shocked the crowd by biting Diesel's wrist and digging his teeth into the champion's





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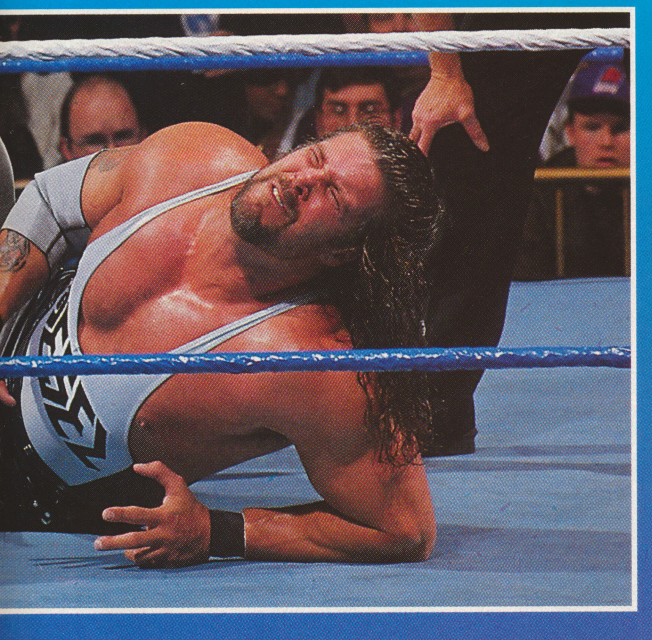

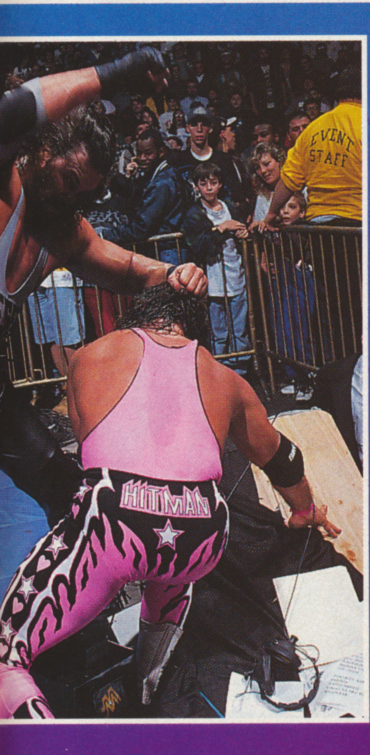

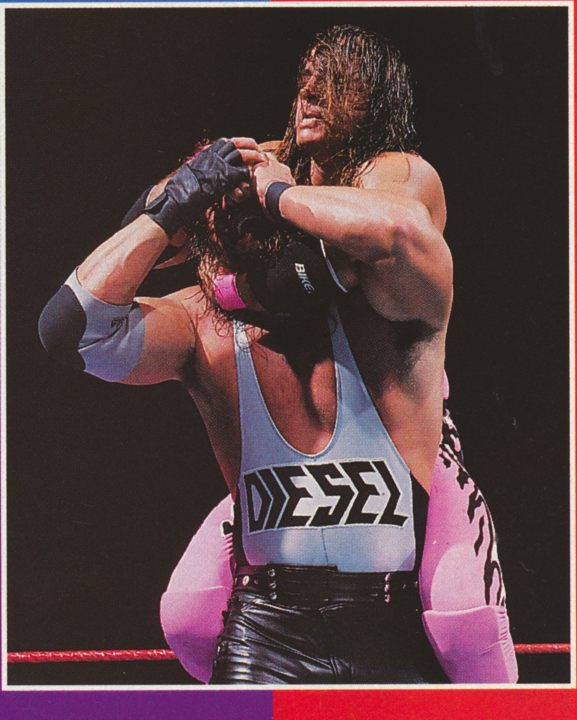

head. With Diesel off-kilter, Bret attached himself to his back and clamped on a chokehold. Then Bret honed in on the titlist's weak spot, kicking him in the knee. Diesel fell to the mat, with Bret gripping onto his limb, dropping an elbow onto the injured area. Placing Diesel's foot on the bottom rope, Bret grabbed the top strand, hopped up and smashed the titlist's ankle. As Diesel agonized, Hit Man caught him in the figure-four leglock. Diesel inched himself toward the edge of the ring until he was able to grab hold of the ropes. Hit Man took his time breaking the hold and continued working over the left leg. He tried a Sharpshooter, but Diesel kicked him in the head. Bret again went for the hold. Diesel kicked Bret away again, into the corner. This time, Bret's ear collided with the exposed steel. Seeing his opponent weakened, Diesel hammered him across the back, but Bret swiftly removed himself from the predicament, rolling under the bottom rope, reaching into the ring to trip Diesel and ramming his leg into the ringpost.

In the ring, Bret tied Diesel's left foot to the post with a piece of cord and scurried up the ropes. Diesel stood too but couldn't get out of the way when Hit Man flew down with an elbow to the face. Now Hart brought a chair into the ring and charged Diesel with the object. Still tied up, the champion fought defensively, blasting Bret with a right foot when he came too close.

Lying chest-down on the mat, Diesel reached for the fallen chair, but the cord limited his mobility. Hart stepped on him before he could grab the object, then whacked the chair across the champion's lower back and jammed the edge into his knees.

Holding the chair, Bret balanced himself on the top rope, preparing for an aerial attack. Diesel got to his feet and jammed a fist up into Hit Man's midsection. Bret fell over the top rope. With his foot still tied to the post, Diesel reached up and hurled Bret across the ring. Then the champion finally unhooked himself, delivered a sideway slam and shoved Bret into the exposed metal in the corner.

Draping Bret over his shoulder, Diesel limped to the opposite corner and dropped Bret's neck across the top rope. But when the champion tried repeating the move, Hart slid out of Diesel's grasp and slammed Diesel's head into a hunk of exposed steel. After a clothesline and a bulldog headlock, Bret administered a side Russian leg sweep and a running clothesline, knocking Diesel over the top rope. The challenger tried diving onto the champ on the arena floor, but Diesel moved out of the way, and Hit Man wiped out.

Diesel climbed back into the ring, and Bret followed. When Bret got to the apron, he was met with a shoulderblock that sent him backward. He fell onto an announcer's table, cracking it in half. Then the champion threw Bret back into the ring.

At this point, Diesel backed off a little, as Bret seemed to be out. Hesitantly, he readied Bret for the Jackknife, but Bret fell to the mat. Big D yanked Hart off the mat while pondering his next move. Suddenly, Bret astonished his opponent by cradling him as the referee counted three. Bret Hart had become a three-time Federation Champion.

Bret Hart

"I knew that this was going to be a punishing match, but it turned out to go even further than I ever imagined. I was derailed early, and I was fighting uphill all night. Diesel tried to end the match quickly, and I tried to stay in there long enough to wear him out. In the end, that's what happened. I don't know what his problem was after the bell rang, but all I can call it is cheap."

Hart slumped to the mat, exhausted, and Diesel cursed at himself for not finishing off the Hit Man sooner. As the referee raised Bret's limp hand, Big Daddy Cool shoved him down. Then he drove Hit Man into the canvas with a Jackknife.

Another referee scrambled into the ring. Diesel punched him with a closed fist. A third referee came in and got whacked in the back of the head. With no one to stop him, Diesel delivered another Jackknife to the champion. He grabbed the belt for a moment, tossed it aside and spat, swatting at fans who were jeering the carnage he'd left behind in the ring.

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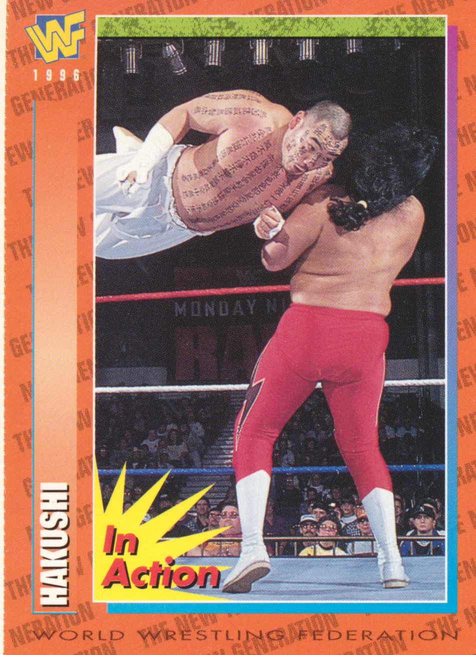
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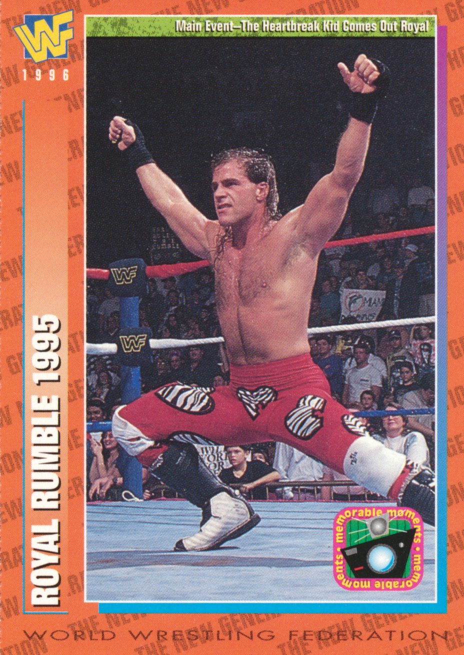
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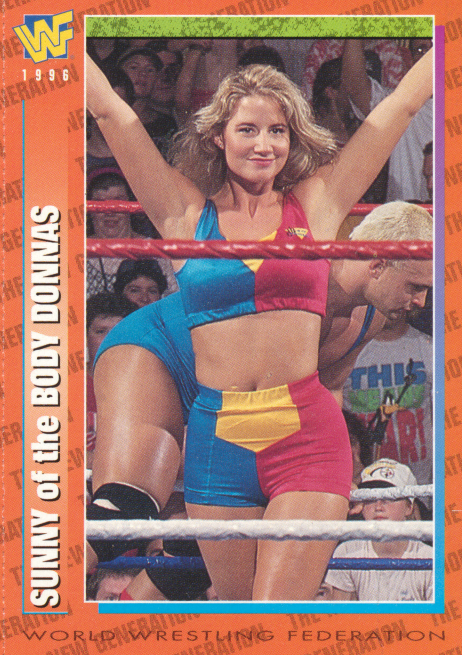
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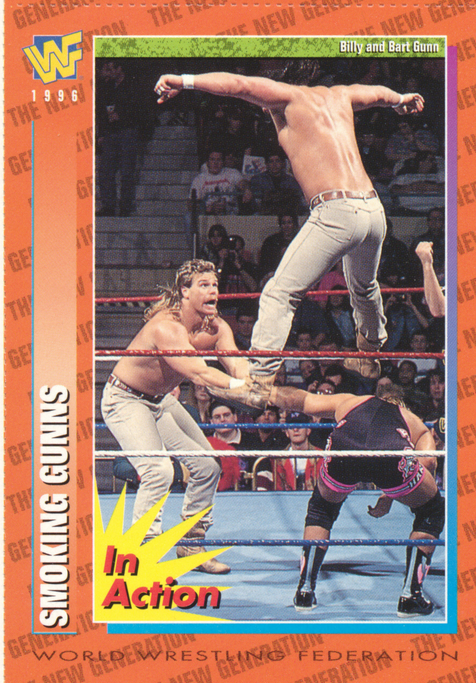
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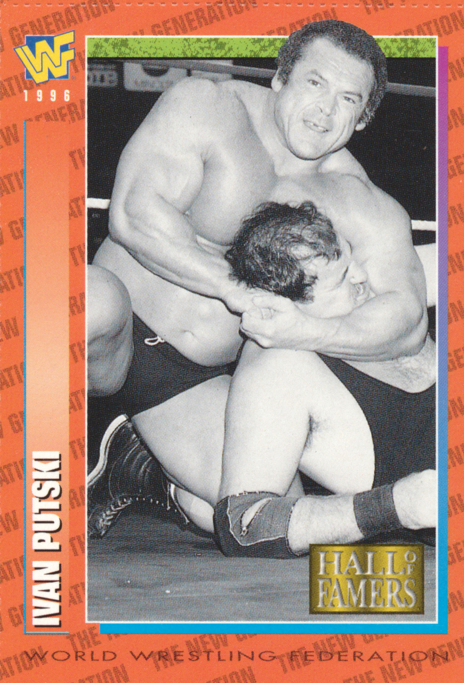
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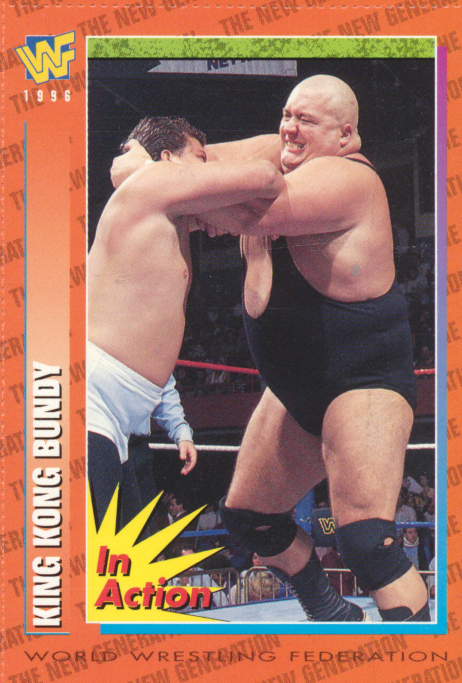
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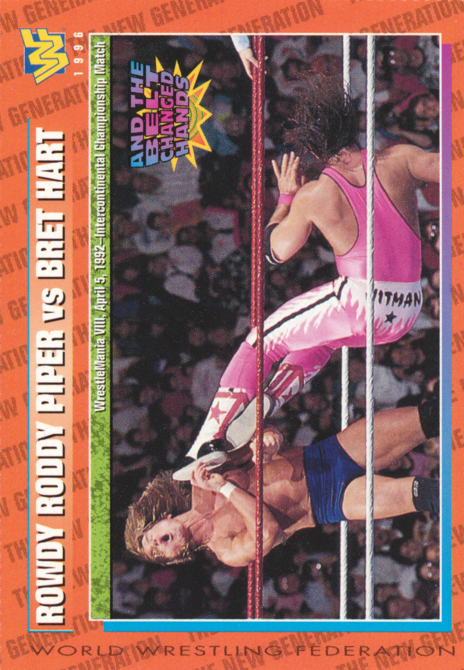
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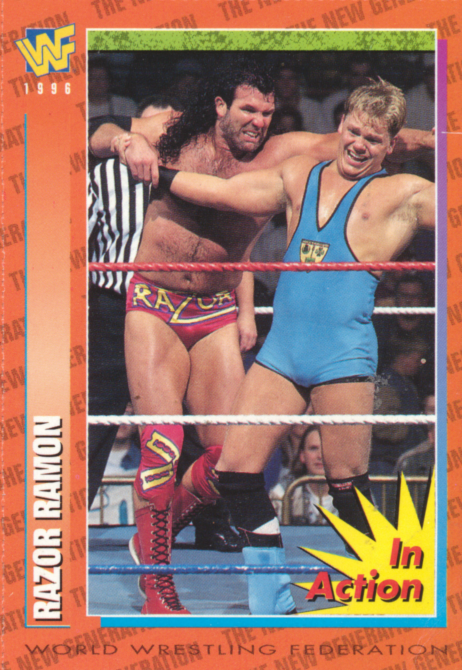
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Skip's better half, Sunny, claims there isn't a woman alive who doesn't dream of being in her workout shoes. "Look at me!" she glows. "I'm the closest thing to perfection you'll ever experience on this Earth! Women long to be me, and men long to be WITH me. You know what I say? The chances of that rate right up there with the chance of Roseanne giving up Suzy-Q's! Slime to NONE!"

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Main Event—The Heartbreak Kid Comes Out Royal

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WrestleMania VIII, April 5, 1992—Intercontinental Championship Match

ROWDY RODDY PIPER™ vs BRET HART™

In what was a classic match-up between two of the most popular superstars ever to grace a World Wrestling Federation ring, Bret "Hit Man" Hart was able to squeak out a hard-earned and thrilling victory over the relentless Rowdy Roddy Piper to capture the Intercontinental Championship Belt! It was to be the Hit Man's second reign as the Federation's Intercontinental Champion!

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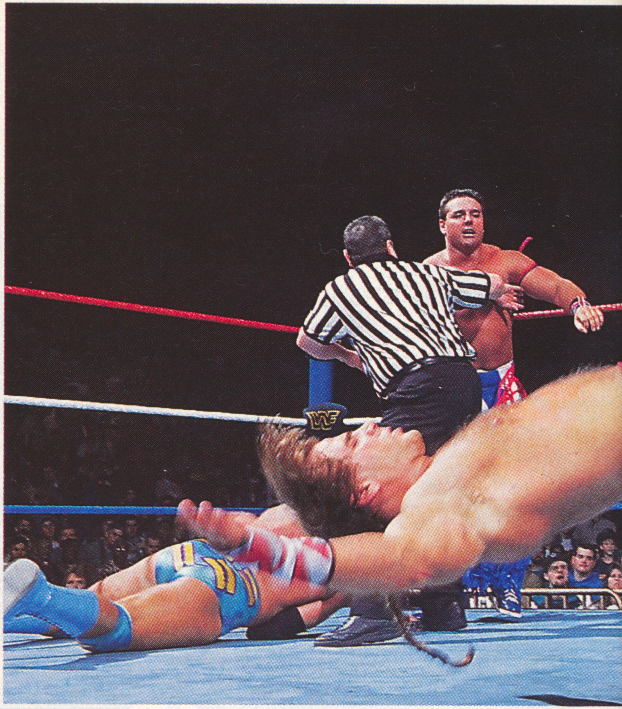
WILD CARD MATCH:

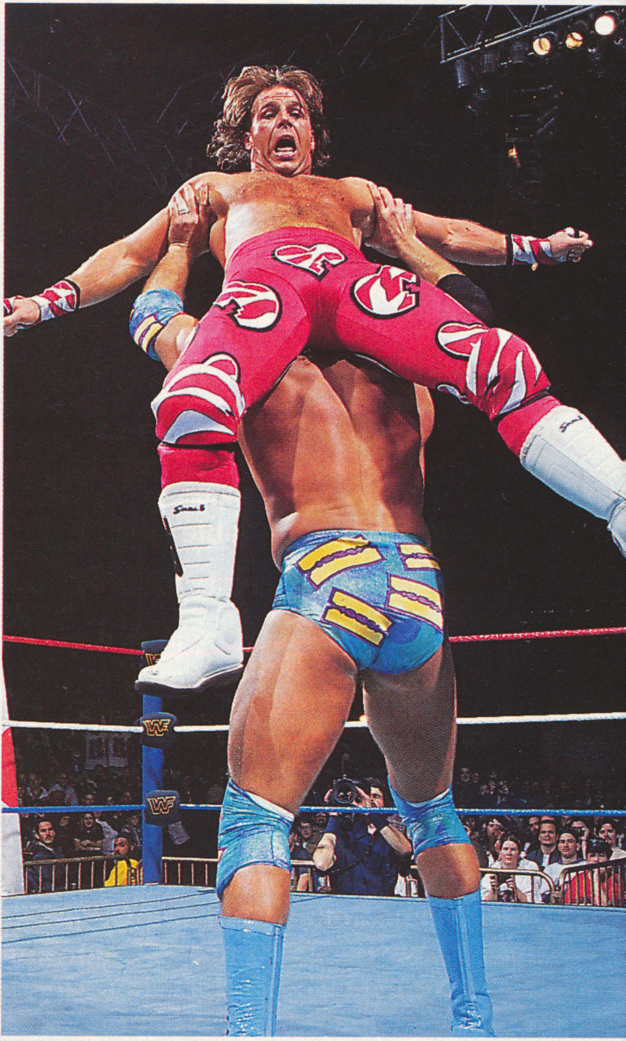
SHAWN MICHAELS, SID, AHMED JOHNSON & THE BRITISH BULLDOG VS. OWEN HART, DEAN DOUGLAS, YOKOZUNA & RAZOR RAMON

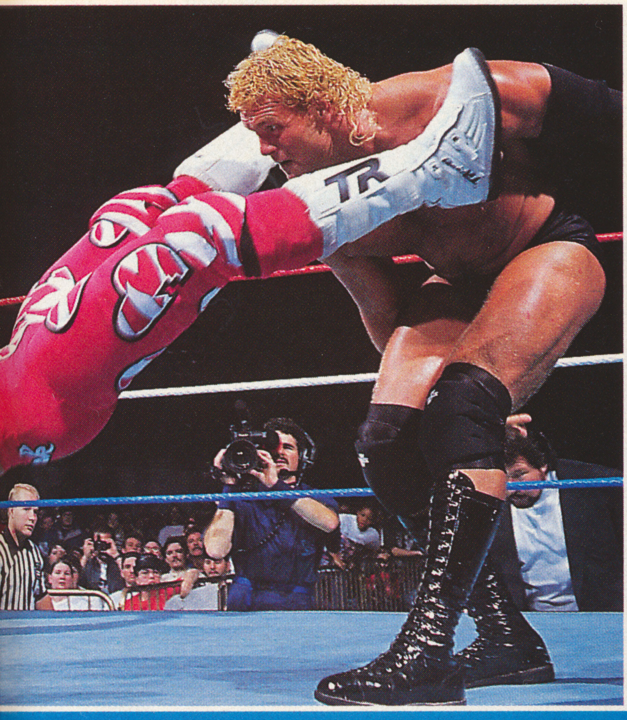


Interim World Wrestling Federation President Gorilla Monsoon created this unique bout in which teammates were chosen by a random drawing. This placed both enemies and friends on the same side.

Shawn began the contest against a natural adversary, Owen Hart. Owen tried tossing his opponent over the ropes, but Michaels grasped onto the strands, pulled himself up toward the ring and—in the process—caught Hart in a headscissors, flinging him to the arena floor.

In the ring, Owen tagged out to Dean Douglas, who pummeled Michaels with a flurry of fists and executed a vertical suplex. When Douglas missed a variation of the splash from the top rope, though, Shawn scaled the turnbuckles and flattened his rival with a moonsault. Then, looking back at his corner, Michaels tagged the only partner he knew he could trust, Ahmed Johnson.

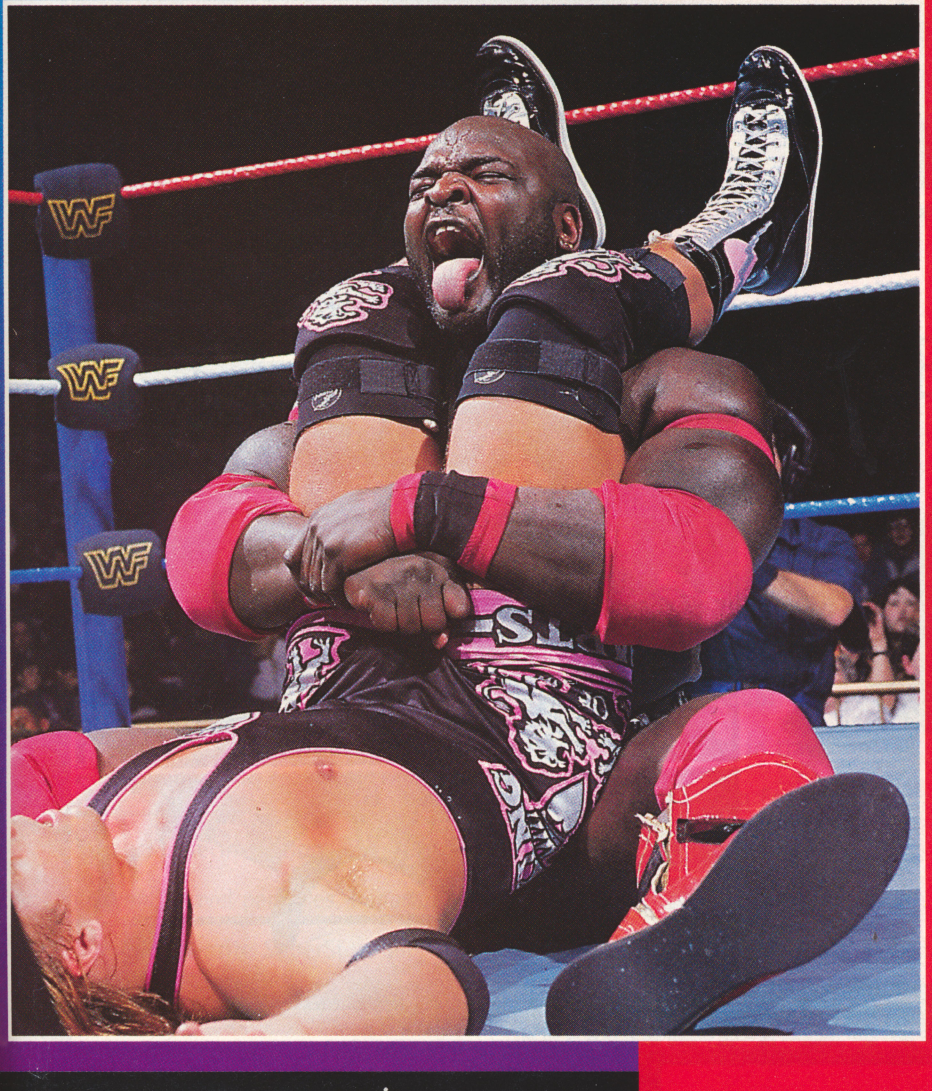




The powerful Johnson came into the ring, slicing down Douglas and Owen, but when he tried to scoop slam Yokozuna, Douglas and Owen cut in to shift the tide in their team's favor. Ahmed was backed up into the squad's corner, and—the fourth partner on the team—Razor Ramon joined the effort by throwing in a couple of cheap shots.

British Bulldog

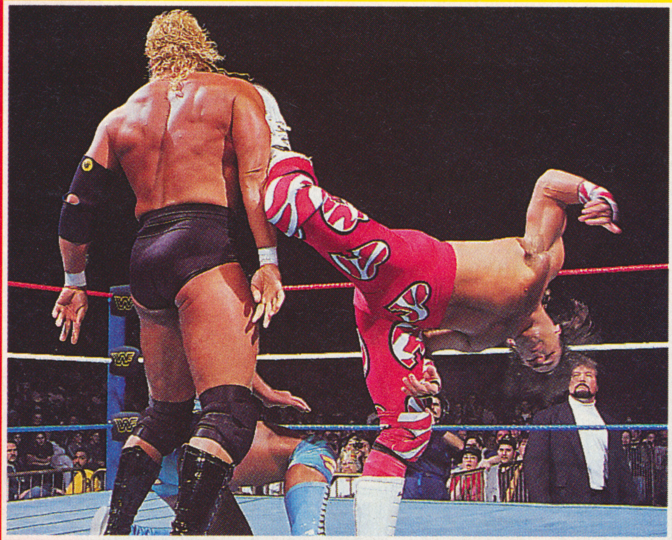
"If it wasn't for me, Ahmed Johnson and Shawn Michaels would never have won the Survivor Series! I went in there and wiped the floor with everybody!"



Johnson survived the onslaught and was soon hurling Douglas around the ring again. As Dean stumbled around the ring, Ahmed lifted Michaels over his head and pitched him into the victim. Douglas was on the verge of losing now, and his partner, Ramon, wasn't too happy about it. From his spot on the ring apron, Razor berated Douglas, who responded with a couple of punches. Naturally, Razor punched back. As Douglas took the blows, Shawn came up behind him and schoolboyed him out of contention. Michaels was ready to tag out. He reached toward his corner, and the Bulldog slapped his hand. Across the ring stood the Britisher's brother-in-law and friend, Owen Hart. The two exchanged a left-handed handshake, then began pelting each other with rights. The Bulldog monkey-flipped Owen, and Hart hit his pal with a flying kick to the back of the head. With neither man gaining a clear edge, they stepped aside and let Michaels and Razor go at it.

That wasn't hard for either man to do—although they call each other "friends," Ramon and Michaels have fought two grueling ladder matches in the past. Michaels hurled Razor over the top rope, and Ramon came right back into the ring and chopped down his foe with a clothesline. Michaels nailed his rival with an elbow and a flying forearm. Razor replied by trapping Shawn in the Razor's Edge. He covered Michaels for the count, but Ahmed Johnson slipped into the ring and broke up the pinfall. After more action, Sid aided his enemy Michaels, holding Ramon in place for a thrashing. Shawn backed up, then rushed forward with a side kick. Razor slipped out of the way, and Sid took the blow. As Sid crumpled to the canvas, a smile crept across Shawn's face. "Oh well," he shrugged nonchalantly, and Ramon scored the pin.

Sid chose not to return to the dressing room right away. Instead, he powerbombed Shawn. Ramon tagged out to Owen, who took turns with Yokozuna on Shawn. However, when Hart tried a headbutt off the top rope, Shawn moved out of the way and tagged Johnson. Johnson went after all three opponents, catching Owen in the powerbomb and eliminating him.



Soon, Sid returned to ringside, accompanied by DiBiase and the 1-2-3 Kid, watching Razor and the Bulldog go at it in the ring. When the Kid climbed up on the ring apron, Ramon turned and slugged him, allowing Bulldog to come up behind the Bad Guy, powerslam him and get a three-count.

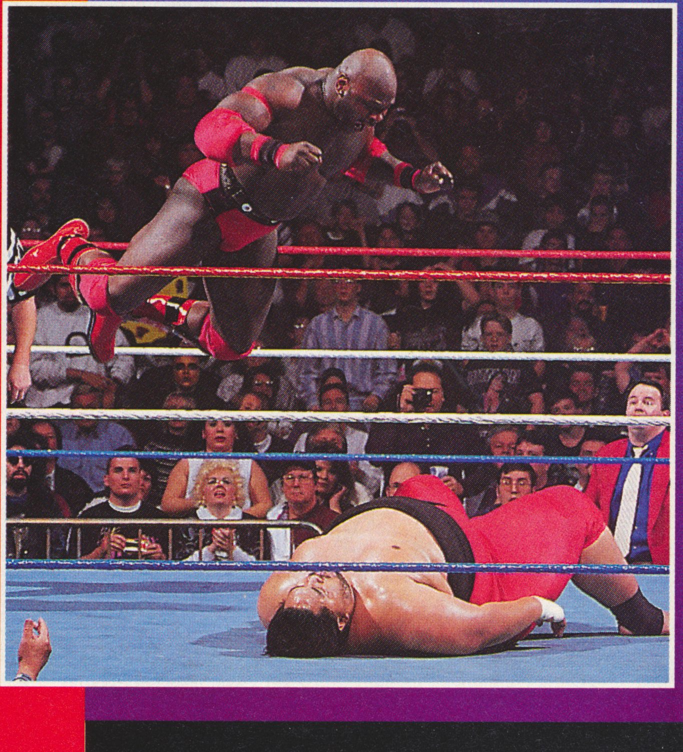
Ahmed Johnson

> **"It turned out just the way I thought it would! I wasn't surprised that Shawn Michaels and I turned out the victors, and I wasn't surprised that the British Bulldog and Psycho Sid laid a behind-the-back snake bite on us!"**

Yokozuna next vented his wrath on Shawn, legdropping him and setting him up for the Banzai Drop. Miraculously, the Heartbreak Kid moved out of the way, crawled across the ring and tagged Ahmed.

Johnson charged into the ring, feeling strong and refreshed. Yokozuna came toward him, and Johnson easily bodyslammed his opponent, covering him for the count. The referee's hand slapped the mat once, then twice. As the three-count was about to be registered, the Bulldog came in and broke it up, kicking his own partner in the back.

Shawn and Johnson were furious with their teammate, firing simultaneous punches at him and bashing him over the ropes with a double clothesline. Yokozuna charged at his adversaries, only to receive a kick in the face by Michaels. Not wasting any more time, Johnson propelled himself off the ropes, splashed onto Yokozuna, hooked the leg and won the most unusual match in *Survivor Series* history.



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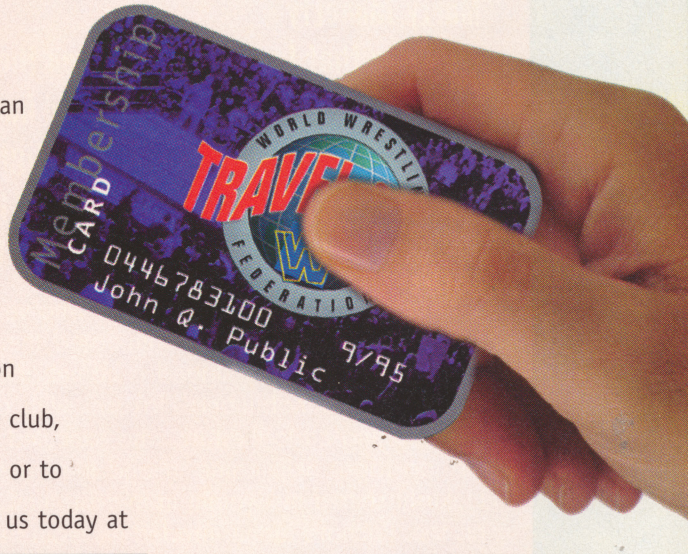
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THE UNDERDOGS:

MARTY JANNETTY (Captain), HAKUSHI, BARRY HOROWITZ & BOB "SPARK PLUGG" HOLLY VS.

THE BODY DONNAS:

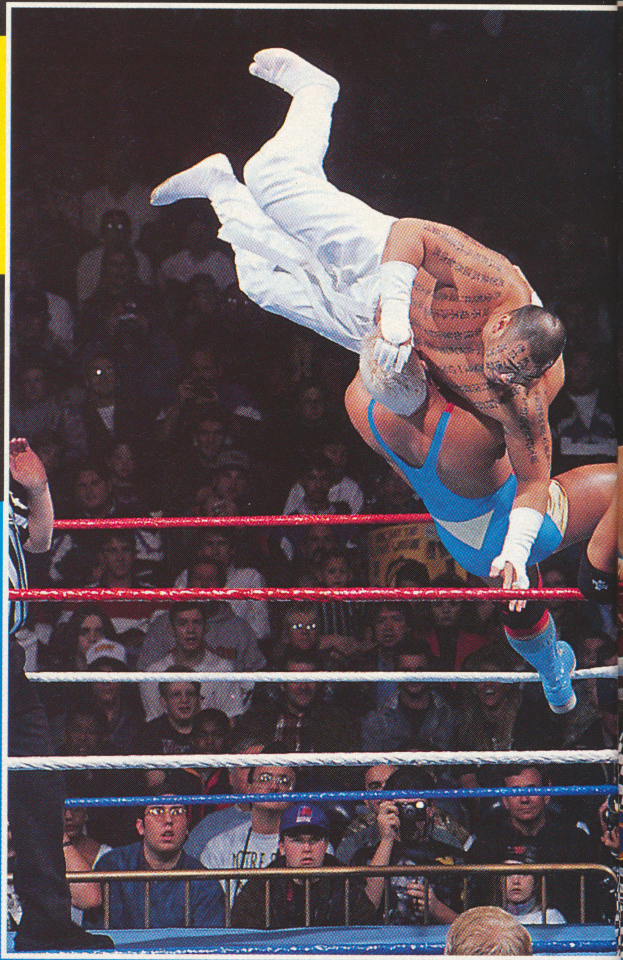
SKIP (Captain), RAD RADFORD, TOM PRICHARD & THE 1-2-3- KID

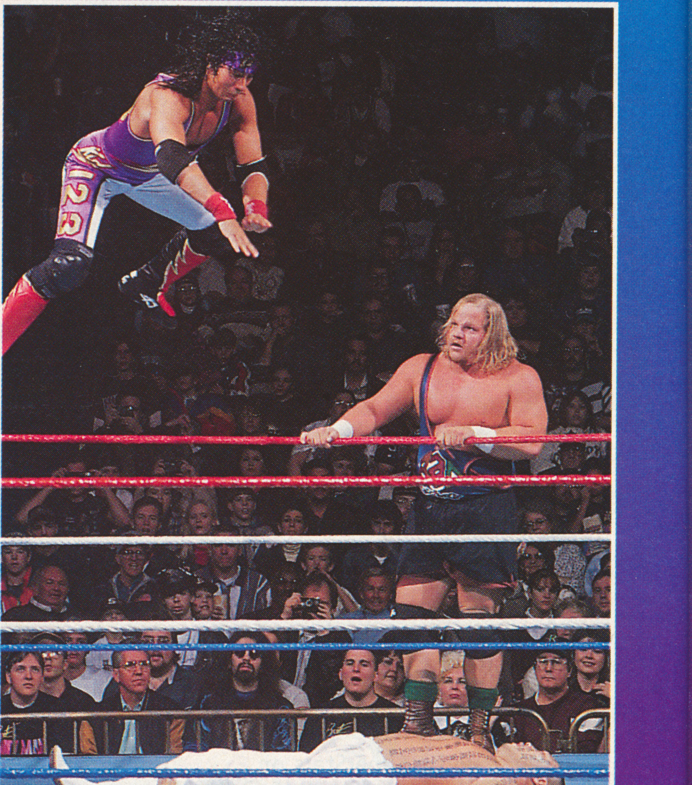
One man stood out above all others in this contest: the 1-2-3 Kid, who'd turned his back on longtime friend Razor Ramon the week before and came to the ring accompanied by new manager Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase. Watching from the dressing room, Ramon was infuriated by the youngster's newfound cockiness and rushed the ring to slap some humility into him. World Wrestling Federation officials blocked Razor's path, and this special elimination contest began.

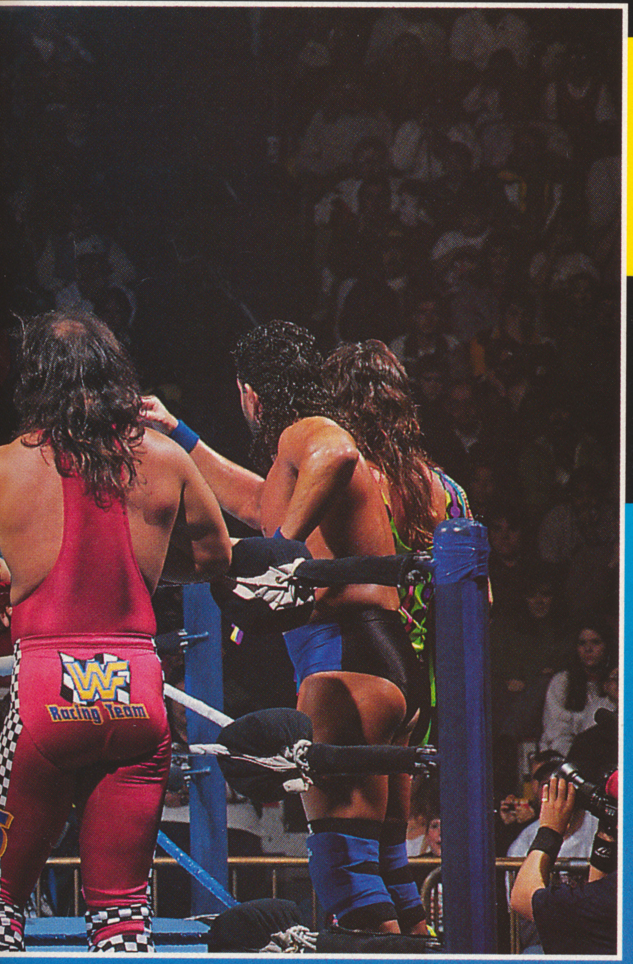
Marty Jannetty

"I know that I could have beaten the 1-2-3 Kid. He's a great wrestler, but it would have eventually come down to a street fight in there and he didn't stand a chance! He hid behind Sid because he knew that I would whoop him!"

Jannetty and Holly—two men who've held the Tag Team Title with the Kid—dominated the early action. Radford momentarily staged a comeback for the Body Donnas by immobilizing Hakushi with a spinebuster, then tagging off to the Kid, who executed a splash from the top rope. Skip came in and tried a superplex, but Hakushi shifted his weight in mid-air, tumbling on top of his foe. Prichard further eroded his team's effort when he tried a moonsault on Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly and missed. Holly swiftly executed a flying bodypress and







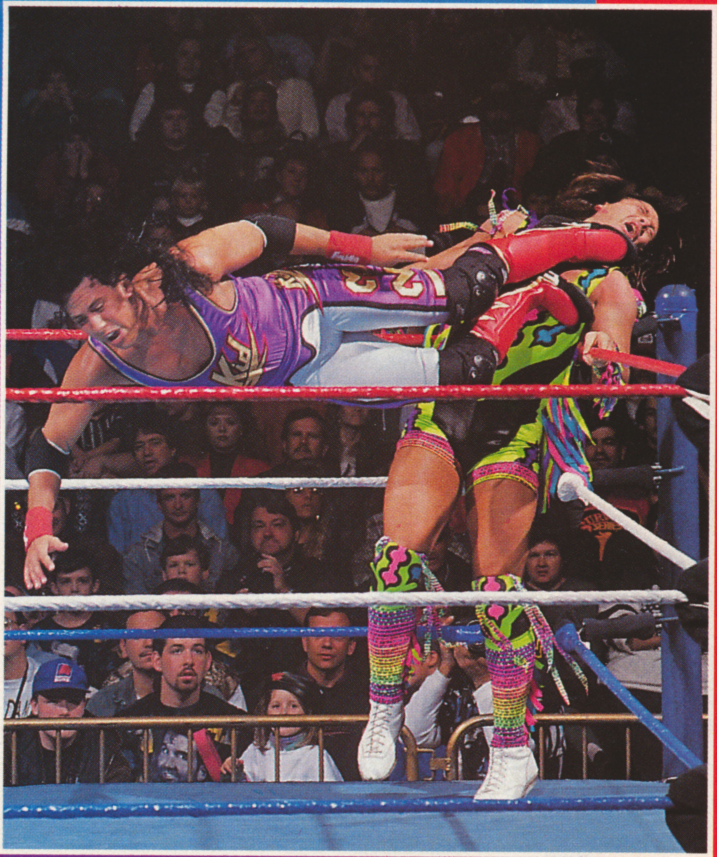
eliminated the Doctor of Desire, but seconds later Skip surprised Holly by rolling him up and evening the odds.

Hakushi and the Kid then went move for spectacular move. However, when the Kid was down on the mat, Hakushi miscalculated the situation by perching on the middle of the top rope and diving head-first at his foe. Kid rolled out of the way and tagged out to Radford. As Hakushi rose off the canvas to concentrate on the new entrant, he didn't notice Kid—still in the ring and sneaking up behind him. 1-2-3 delivered a spinning kick to the back of Hakushi's head, and Radford covered the warrior from the Land of the Rising Sun for the three-count.

Radford next laced into Horowitz, hurting him with a German suplex, among other maneuvers. From the ring apron, Skip shouted, "Save him for me." Horowitz had humiliated Skip several times in the past, and Skip wanted the pleasure of personally pinning his nemesis. However, Skip's demands distracted Radford from the job at hand. In the confusion, Horowitz managed to stun Radford with a cradle, embarrassing Skip and his team. Now Skip and Horowitz went at it. Barry was holding his own when Skip quickly tagged off to the Kid. Horowitz didn't notice the tag, nor did he notice 1-2-3 coming up behind him and blasting him in the head with a kick. One legdrop later, Kid sent Barry home for the night.

1-2-3 Kid

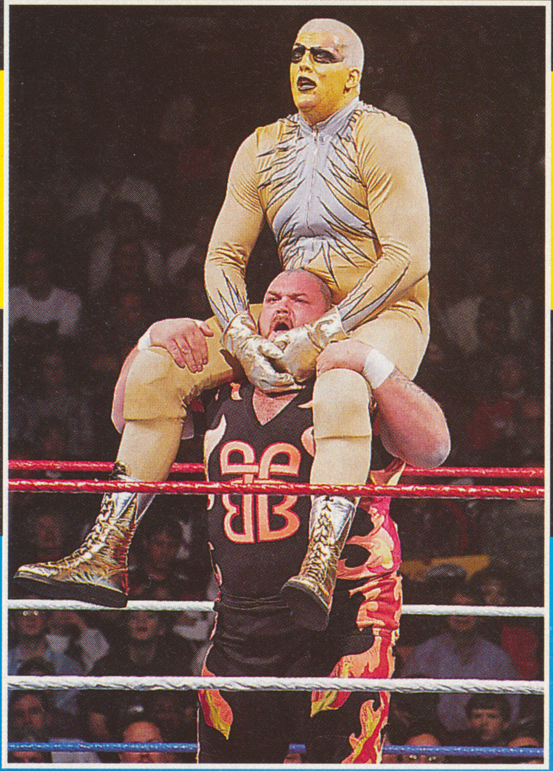
"Under the tutelage and guidance of Mr. DiBiase, all my fans finally got to see what the 'real' 1-2-3 Kid is all about.. I singlehandedly went through the entire Underdog team and in doing so finally earned the respect I deserved since the first day I set foot in the Federation."



The Body Donnas barely had time to celebrate. Jannetty flew into the ring, focusing his fury on Skip. Jannetty bent Skip forward, bent a knee over his head and drove it into the mat. Then Marty dragged his foe up the ropes, executed a powerbomb from the top and eliminated the head Body Donna.

Jannetty was left alone with the Kid. He was cruising to victory when Sid—the Kid's teammate in DiBiase's Corporation—lumbered to ringside. Twice, Jannetty had Kid tied up for the pin. One time, the crafty youngster draped a foot over the bottom rope. The second time, Kid grabbed the strand. Finally, DiBiase commanded Sid to help end things for the Body Donnas. Obeying orders, Sid clambered up to the ring apron, gripped onto Marty's hair and leapt to ringside, bringing down Jannetty's throat across the top rope. The Kid scored the win, then was triumphantly hoisted up by his new ally.

BAM BAM BIGELOW VS. GOLDUST



Bigelow was the favorite in this match, so the flamboyant Goldust started off aggressively and never let up, beating on Bam Bam with fists and feet. After surviving a fierce Bigelow dropkick, Goldust continued his assault, pulling Bigelow outside the ring, battering him there, stepping back into the squared circle and then clotheslining Bam Bam over the top rope.

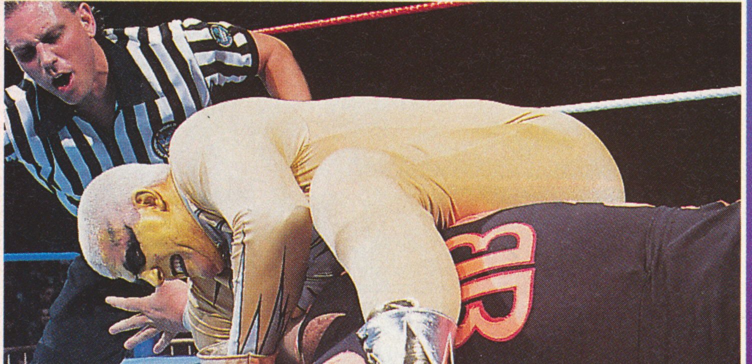
Goldust

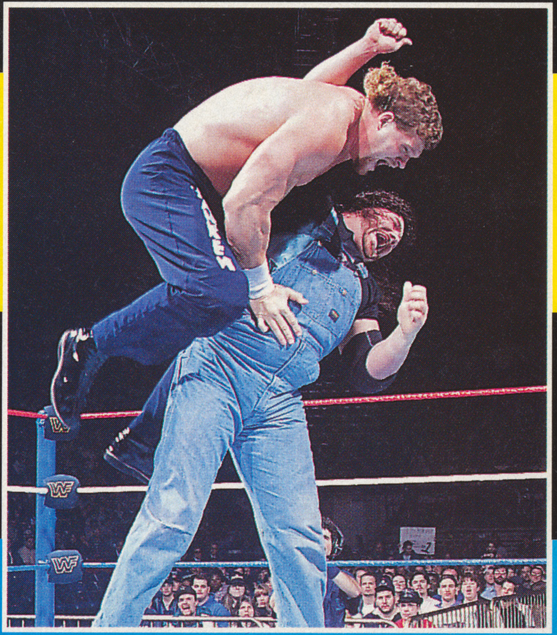
"I love the smell of napalm in the morning. Smells like--victory. Apocalypse Now-1979."

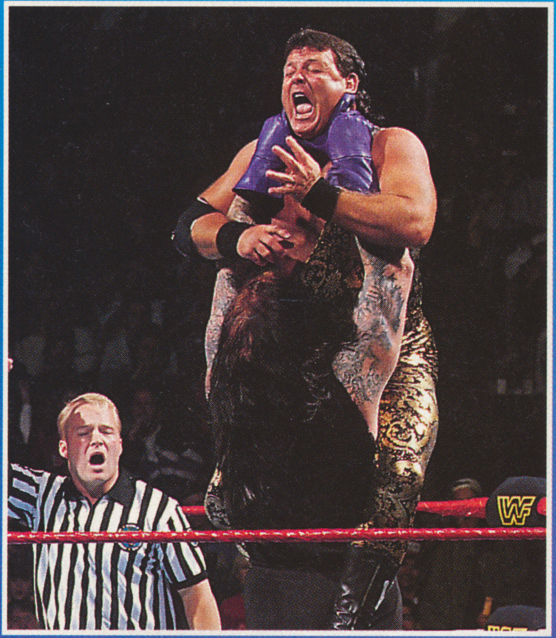
Bigelow delivered his signature headbutt, but Goldust was barely fazed. He shook off the powerful blow, stunned Bam Bam with a kneelift and again tossed him to ringside. Back in the ring, Bigelow pulled out a back suplex, but he couldn't capitalize on the maneuver. As Goldust lay on the canvas, the Beast from the East missed a plummeting headbutt.

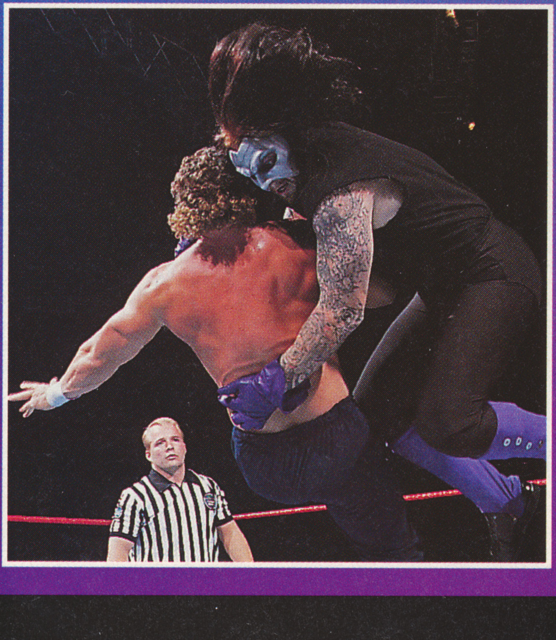
Bam Bam kept on fighting, but he appeared to be overmatched in this contest. At one point, Goldust climbed on Bigelow's shoulders. Bam Bam fell backward but seemed to suffer more from the move than his opponent.

Angered, Bam Bam cut down Goldust with a series of shoulderblocks, slung him into the corner and charged. Thinking quickly, Goldust slid out of the way. As Bam Bam collided with the turnbuckles, Goldust pounced, scoring the upset and the victory with a bulldog headlock.









THE DARK SIDE:

UNDERTAKER (Captain), SAVIO VEGA, HENRY GODWINN & FATU VS.

THE ROYALS:

JERRY "THE KING" LAWLER (Captain), ISAAC YANKEM, D.D.S., HUNTER HEARST-HELMSLEY & KING MABEL

This was the Undertaker's first match after a facial injury inflicted by King Mabel. The wounds hadn't fully healed, and even Mabel gasped at the sight of the Reaper's ghastly face protector. Moreover, Helmsley and Godwinn had been feuding for weeks. Continuing the battle, Helmsley came at H.O.G. with punches and kicks, and Godwinn responded by pressing him over his head and dumping him on the mat.

The Royals teamed up on Vega. Yankem whipped him into the ropes, dropkicked him in the chest and tagged out to Helmsley, who kicked Savio in the throat and lowered a knee on his head. Next, Hunter shoved Vega into a clothesline by Mabel, and Lawler executed a piledriver. Vega battled back, bringing Helmsley down with a chokeslam, enduring a second piledriver from Lawler, crawling over to the corner and tagging the Undertaker, who tossed Lawler around with ease. Lawler tried tagging his partners, but no one would respond. Trapped, Lawler fell victim to the Tombstone. Yankem was the next casualty. Undertaker twirled him upside-down, held his head between the knees and eliminated him with a second Tombstone.

Paul Bearer

"Ohhh, yes! My Undertaker returned in grand fashion! He took the Royals out one by one, with the exception of King Mabel. Mabel, you'd better keep running because my Undertaker is in DEADLY pursuit of you--OHHH YESSS! "

Helmsley tried to flee, but H.O.G. intercepted him. Helmsley backed up to the ring, where Undertaker slammed him onto the mat and got the three-count. Mabel was left to fight alone. He came up behind Undertaker and unleashed a belly-to-belly suplex. Mabel followed up with a legdrop. Sensing victory, Mabel started to strut, but just then Undertaker rose off the canvas. Frightened, Mabel rolled to ringside, while his longtime tag team partner, Mo, interfered, jumping Undertaker from behind. As Mabel raced back to the dressing room—eliminating himself—Undertaker gained a measure of revenge by chokeslamming Mo.

WOMEN'S SURVIVOR SERIES CHALLENGE:

ALUNDRA BLAYZE, SAKIE HASEGAWA, KYOKO INOUE & CHAPARITA ASARI VS. BERTHA FAYE, AJA KONG, LIONESS ASKA & TOMOKO WATANABE

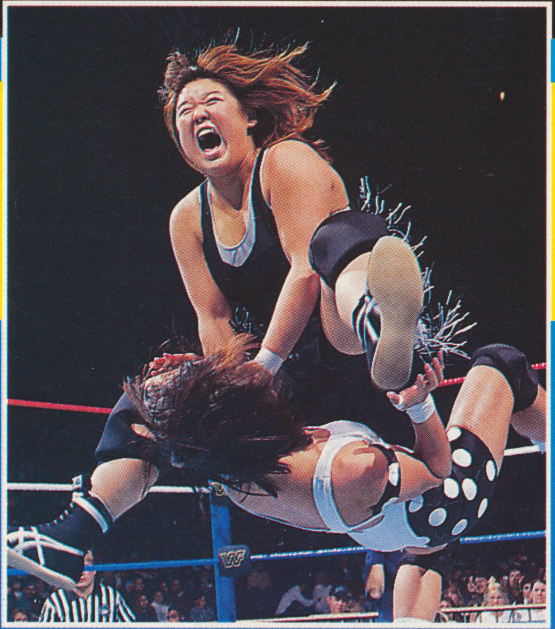
Alundra Blayze and Bertha Faye had traded the Women's Title back and forth. At the *Series*, they continued their competition by each importing the best of Japan's female wrestlers. Aska started the match against Asari and quickly trapped her in the giant swing. Asari bounced back with a skytwister press, then tagged out to Blayze, who registered the pin with a German suplex. Later 230-pound Aja Kong made her American debut and swiftly made headlines. As Hasegawa came off the top rope, Kong thrust a kick into her midsection and eliminated her with a suplex. Then she got rid of Asari with a splash. Inoue came in and tried a sunset flip. Kong simply put on the brakes and crashed down on her opponent's chest to dispose of her.

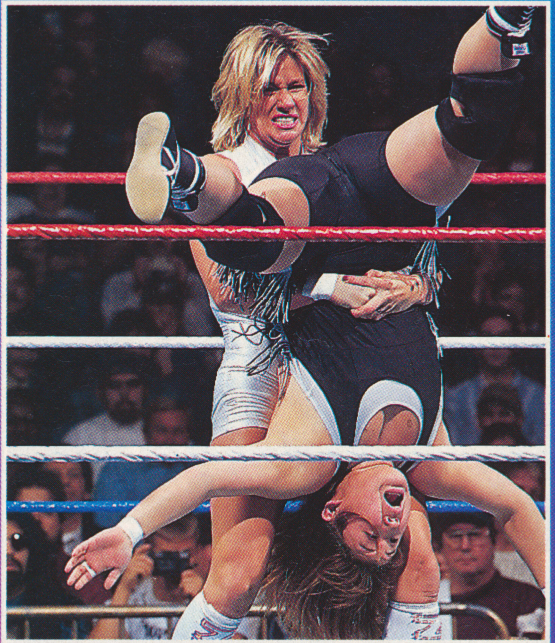
Alundra was left alone with her rivals and started off hot. She faced off against Watanabe and dispatched her to the showers with a piledriver. Bertha and Kong rushed Blayze, but Alundra was quick on her toes, and her foes ran into each other. As Bertha roamed the ring in a daze, Alundra caught her in a back-to-back suplex and got the three-count.

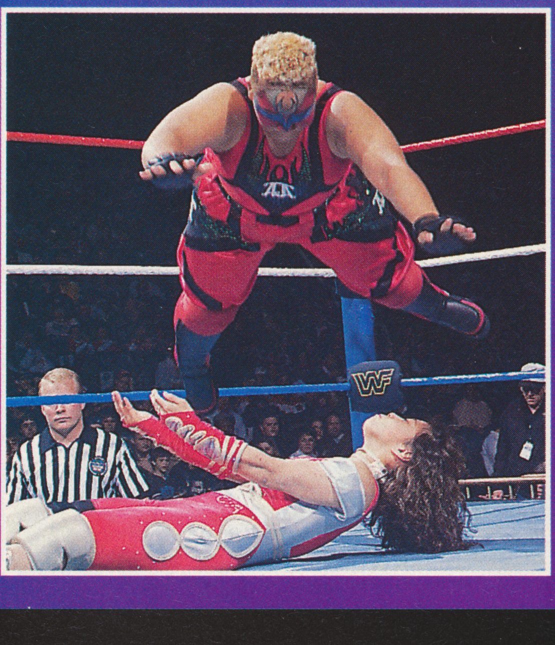
Alundra Blayze

> **"In the end, I found myself on the short end of a three-on-one situation. Miraculously, I almost overcame the odds and won the match! However, there is no question in my mind that if it were a one-on-one match between Aja Kong and myself, I would have beaten her!"**

Kong entered the ring aware this was her chance to become the top challenger for the title. Alundra wasn't going to make it easy, going airborne and twirling Kong to the canvas, followed by a dropkick from the top rope and a somersault to the chest. Alundra covered Kong for the pin but only got a near-fall. Blayze tried a superplex before Kong was sufficiently weakened. From her precarious position on the top turnbuckle, Aja headbutted the champion to the mat. Alundra charged her mighty opponent, but Kong stood stoic as the champ bounced off her mountainous form. Blayze got to her feet, but she was wobbly and disoriented. Measuring her adversary, Kong delivered a martial arts chop to Blayze's neck, then wrapped her up to not only win this *Survivor Series* match—but attain the position of No. 1 contender.







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MONDAY NIGHT RAW

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BY KEITH ELLIOT

A MONDAY NIGHT THAT W

Monday, November 20, 1995. The date resonates in history. It was on this night—one day after the *Survivor Series*—that fans of *Monday Night Raw* turned on their television sets and experienced the most momentous World Wrestling Federation broadcast of all time. Taken in the right context, the program can be compared to Orson Welles' infamous *War of the Worlds* radio program, the first televised debate between Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy and the Beatles' appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. In the course of an hour, the World Wrestling Federation changed—and viewers couldn't help but feel the impact.

The show confirmed that the 1-2-3 Kid's affiliation with Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase's Corporation was not a mere flirtation but a serious commitment. Diesel came to ringside to explain his questionable behavior at the *Survivor Series* and to announce that he was now a changed man. And, as *Monday Night Raw* wound down to a close, Shawn Michaels collapsed in the ring, placing his future in the World Wrestling Federation in jeopardy.

For an entire week, the 1-2-3 Kid had been in the company of DiBiase—after helping the Million Dollar Man's protegé Psycho Sid in an encounter against Razor Ramon. Still, the Kid's followers held out hope that their hero was just going through a troubled phase and would soon realign himself with Ramon and other old associates. On *Monday Night Raw*, those hopes were dashed.

The Kid was pitted against the multi-talented

KING RAW!

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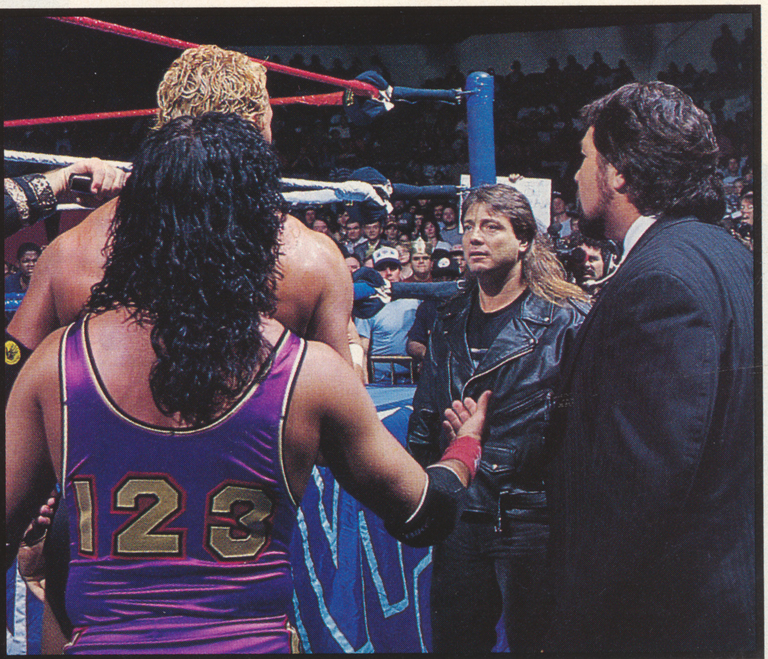
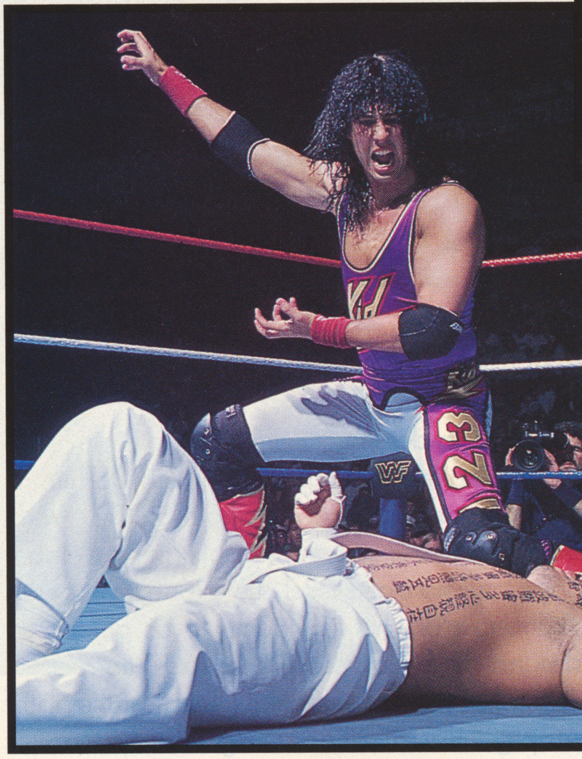
Hakushi. In times past, this would have been a confrontation that the courageous Kid would welcome—a battle against a fellow martial artist who may be the most disciplined athlete in the squared circle today. Indeed, the two had a breathtaking match, but the finish proved that the Kid's entire philosophy had changed.

Hakushi was rallying, propelling the Kid out of the ring with a masterful side kick. Eyeing his prey on the arena floor, the Nipponese warrior scaled the ropes. The old Kid would have realized he was in serious trouble and found a way to turn adversity in his favor. The new Kid simply relied on the interference of DiBiase. As Hakushi perched himself on the top turnbuckle and prepared to splash his adversary at ringside, DiBiase reached up and tripped the Japanese sensation. The 1-2-3 Kid re-entered the ring, delivered a spinning kick, scored the pin and then—in full view of everybody—shamelessly took a payoff from the Million Dollar Man.



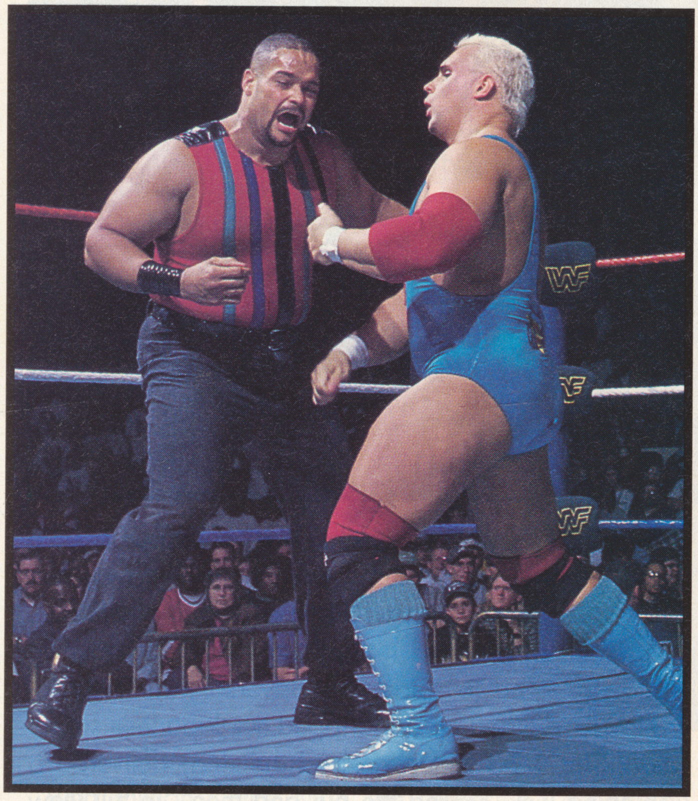


As the Kid and DiBiase yucked it up with color commentator Jerry "The King" Lawler after the match, Marty Jannetty—who'd once held the World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Title with the youngster—came to ringside to confront the pair. Rather

ILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!

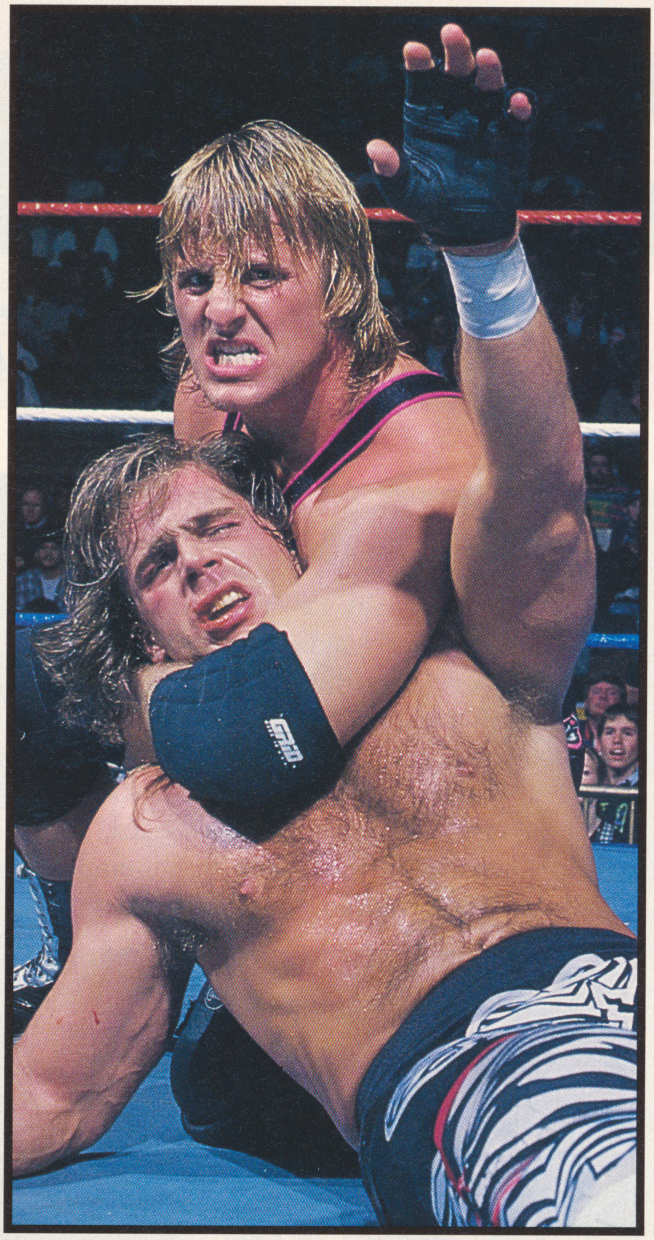
than accept a challenge for a clean match, the Kid set Psycho Sid loose on Jannetty, joining in as the flaxen-haired headbanger dispatched kicks to their rival's ribs. Federation officials tried breaking up the exchange, but the Kid and the Million Dollar Man formed a buffer, allowing Sid to powerbomb Jannetty on the hard concrete floor.

"That's what you get, Marty Jannetty," Sid shouted, "when you mess with the Kid!"



The next match saw Skip lock up with Savio Vega, but the battle had an unscheduled interruption. Fresh from his World Wrestling Federation Championship loss to Bret "Hit Man" Hart at the *Survivor Series*, Diesel strutted to ringside. Fans had largely been unhappy with Big Daddy Cool's poor sportsmanship after the defeat—namely, his pummeling of the Hit Man and referees who tried to restore order. Now Diesel grabbed the microphone and explained himself to the capacity crowd.

"You know, I thought maybe I'd come out here and apologize," he started, "for what I did to Bret and what I did to all my dear fans." After a pause, he continued, "I don't think so."

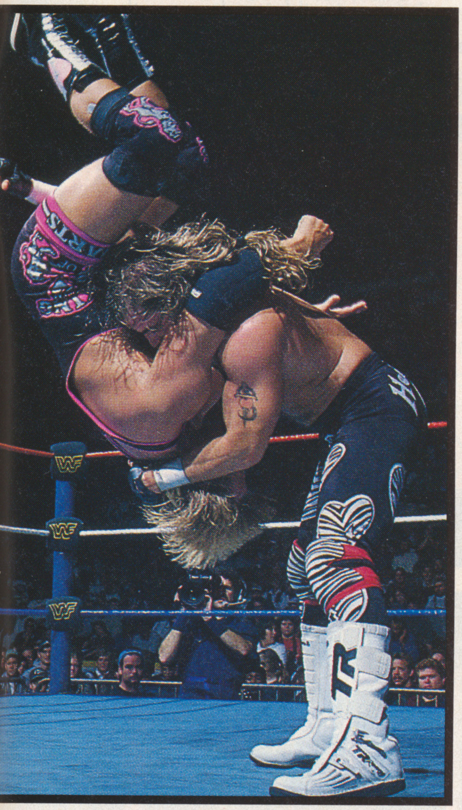


He went on to detail how World Wrestling Federation image makers attempted to repackage him as "some corporate puppet" when he won the World Wrestling Federation Championship in November 1994. That version of Diesel, he pronounced, was over. From now on, he was going to be guided by his tastes, not the whims of the "politically correct."

"Baby, what you saw last night was just the tip of the iceberg!" he decreed. "Big Daddy Cool is back!" And if the fans were willing to take him on his terms, he added, he'd be happy to high-five them after his victories.

The most frightening moment of the night occurred

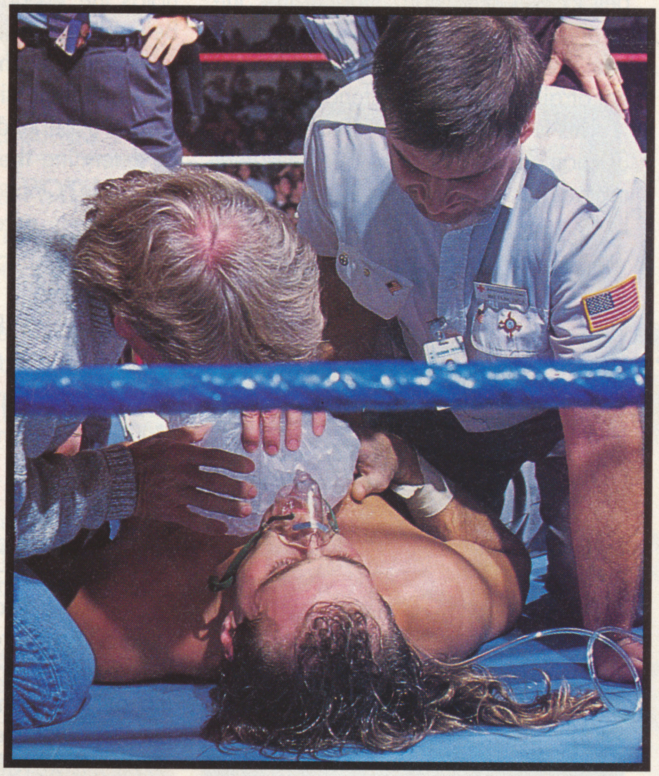
in the final clash, Shawn Michaels against Owen Hart. Shawn had reportedly been attacked by a gang of thugs several weeks earlier, suffering a concussion and other serious ailments. Doctors were uncertain if he should re-enter the mat wars so quickly, but Michaels—who was forced to forfeit the World Wrestling Federation Intercontinental Championship when his impairments prevented him from defending the belt—was anxious to prove that he still deserved to have his name at the top of the marquee.



After surviving Owen's arsenal, Michaels turned up the heat. First, he thwarted a superplex attempt by shifting his weight in mid-air, coming down on top of Hart for a near-fall. Then the Heartbreak Kid hit his opponent with an elbowdrop from the top rope. As Owen attempted an atomic drop, Shawn landed on both feet after rolling over his opponent's shoulder, ran him into the ropes and delivered a clothesline. The maneuver had such force that both men toppled over the top strand. Hart hit the floor, while Shawn held tightly onto the rope, muscling himself back into the ring.

The crowd roared its approval, and the Heartbreak Kid launched into a little dance for his devotees. Then, without warning, he groggily crumpled to the canvas. Owen stepped back into the ring, but even he became concerned over Michaels' condition. From ringside, the announcing stopped. Vince McMahon put down his headset, then summoned medics into the squared circle. As the program went off the air, Shawn appeared to be in serious straits, with doctors administering oxygen to him. A short time later, he was taken to the hospital.

It was discovered that Michaels had suffered post-concussion syndrome, a type of trauma that occurs after a profound injury. Fortunately, Shawn was released from the hospital that night and told to rest up at home. However, doctors have strongly suggested that he try to avoid the rigors of combat—a prescription reinforced by the terrifying image of the Heartbreak Kid lying lifelessly on the canvas as millions of fans helplessly watched his desperate struggle on a timeless edition of *Monday Night Raw*.



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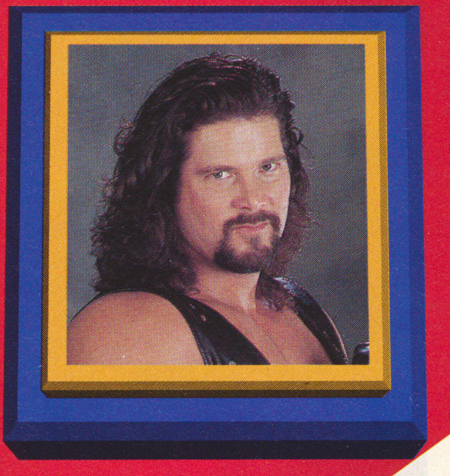
THE REVENGE OF BIG DADDY COOL



By Keith Elliot Greenberg

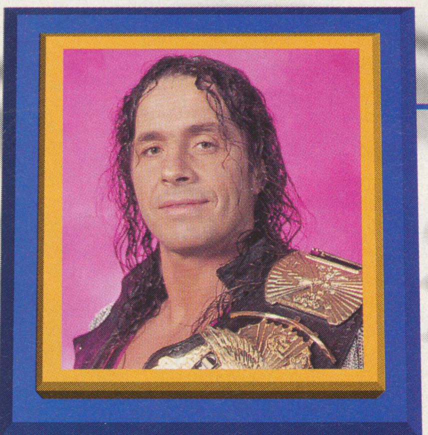
The day Diesel won the Federation Title, he claims he lost a piece of himself. His social circle of fellow ex-bouncers, motorcycle buddies and gym rats was rapidly replaced by marketing experts and public relations flacks who advised him to tone down his "rough edges" and smile for the cameras. It wasn't until he dropped the belt to Bret "Hit Man" Hart at the *Survivor Series* that he could become the man he was before: tough, nasty and not afraid of whom he offends.

This is the Diesel who comes into the 30-man *Royal Rumble* as a top favorite: a gladiator willing to mix it up with anybody, regardless of what the fans think; a back-alley scrapper, who'll resort to any method for a victory; an athlete who's known the sensation of holding the most coveted prize in the squared circle, the Federation Championship, and is hungry to taste the glory again.

Fueling Diesel and the other competitors in this once-a-year free-for-all: The winner earns a spot against whoever holds the World Wrestling Federation Belt at *WrestleMania XII*.

For those who've never witnessed the annual classic, the *Royal Rumble* is a rare experience. Wrestlers draw lots to determine the first two men to start the battle. Once the pair begins brawling, others enter—according to the number drawn—at regular intervals. After the 29 other combatants are hurled over the top rope to the arena floor, one man wins a place in history—and the right to swagger into *WrestleMania XII* as the No. 1 contender.

It was two years ago that Diesel—then a newcomer laboring as Shawn Michaels' bodyguard—opened the eyes of the world to his multiple skills at the *Royal Rumble* when he bounced out one main event athlete after another. He enters this year's spectacular aiming to prove that he never lost his edge.



BRET "HIT MAN" HART
World Wrestling Federation Champion
VS. THE UNDERTAKER

The Hit Man's third reign as World Wrestling Federation Champion is proving to be his most difficult. The level of talent in the World Wrestling Federation today is greater than it ever was before, and everybody's focus is on taking out the man who is known as the Excellence of Execution.

At the *Royal Rumble*, the Hit Man locks up with the World Wrestling Federation's resident Reaper, the Undertaker, a competitor so gruesome that many have termed his abilities "supernatural." Several years ago, he held the World Wrestling Federation Belt for a few short days after winning the title under questionable circumstances. This time, the man from the Dark Side vows to decisively dispatch Hart with the dreaded Tombstone and begin a championship reign lasting into the next millennium.

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ALUNDRA BLAYZE

World Wrestling Federation Women's Champion

VS. AJA KONG

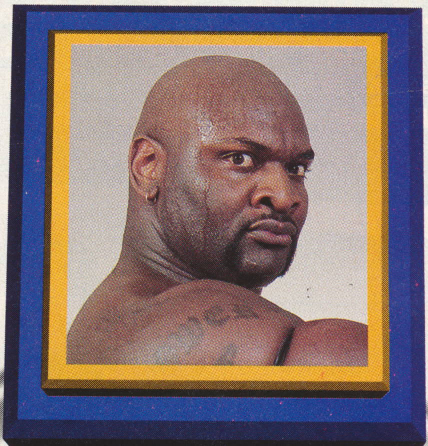
The World Wrestling Federation's golden girl, Alundra Blayze, once again has her status threatened by a menace from distant shores. This time the peril comes in the gargantuan form of Aja Kong, one of Japan's premier athletes, as capable of disabling an opponent with scientific prowess and off-the-ropes maneuvers as she is of laying a victim across the timekeeper's table and busting her up. Alundra already has felt the wrath of Kong—when Aja's squad vanquished Blayze's team at the *Survivor Series*. The women's titlist now must save face by running her adversary back across the Pacific.

THE SMOKING GUNNS

World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Champions

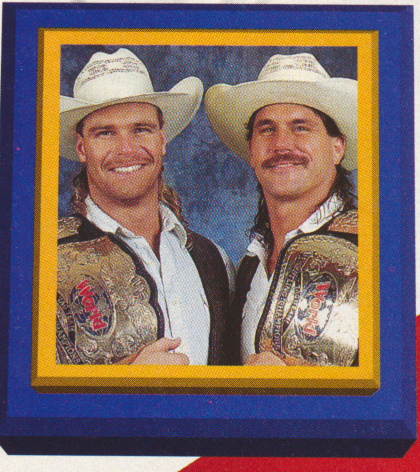
VS. THE 1-2-3 KID & PSYCHO SID

The 1-2-3 Kid and Sid have been playing the role of neighborhood punk and local bully, respectively, with the diminutive Kid starting trouble and the mammoth Sid finishing it. Having exhausted their time picking on other wrestlers, the pair are now targeting the champions, Billy and Bart Gunn. The Gunns have already humbled the Kid on numerous occasions when he's pursued their title with various partners. However, the Kid remains cocky, promising that he and Sid will dislodge the Tag Team Belts from the electrifying Texans—even if the contenders rely on their allies in Ted DiBiase's Corporation to help them out.



IN OTHER ACTION

Although he's only been in the Federation for a few months, powerful Ahmed Johnson has risen to the top of the heap. The fighting man with the clean-living message has already been hailed as one of most charismatic athletes in the squared circle. He has an open contract for the *Royal Rumble* and promises to confirm that all the hype is for real. Plus, fans will be treated to an unusual match highlighting four of the mat war's top midgets. While they are renowned for clowning in the ring and knocking over referees, these competitors are superb athletes who will baffle the fans with ring mastery while amusing them with the shenanigans that personify midget wrestling.



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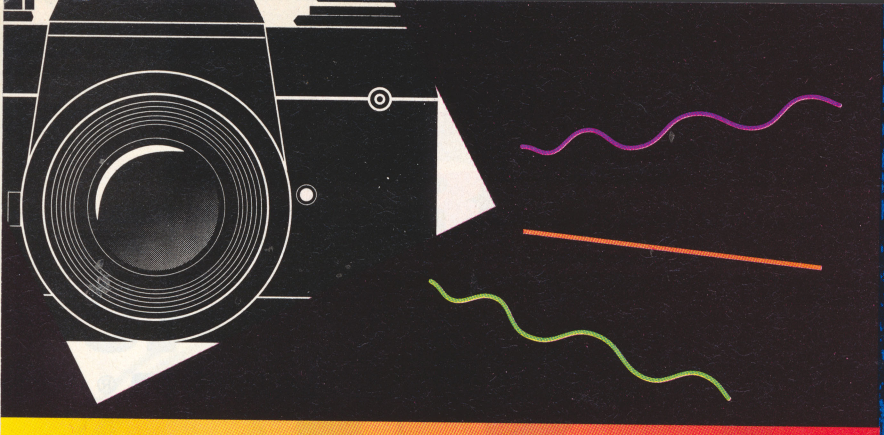

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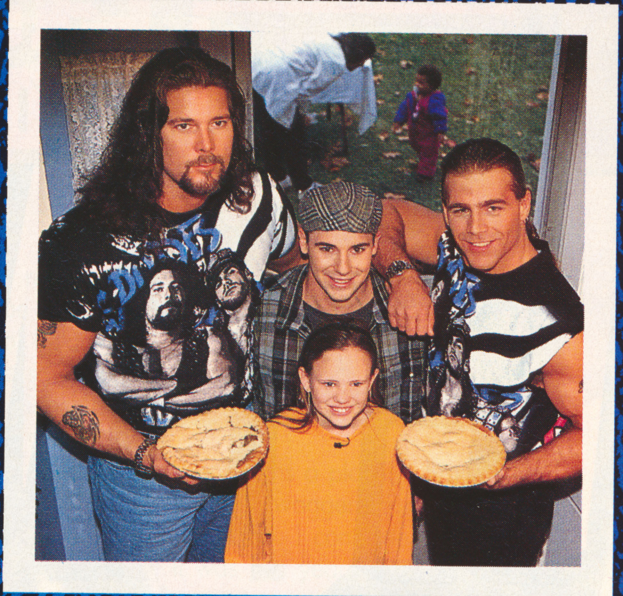

Just prior to his untimely collapse in the ring due to post-concussion syndrome, Shawn Michaels, along with buddy Big Daddy Cool Diesel, made a special guest appearance on one of Nick-Nick-Nick-Nick-Nick-Nick-Nick-Nick-Nickelodeon's most popular shows, "U to U on the Road."

On this special episode of the hippest kids show around, lucky Laura Quinn from New Jersey was picked to have the entire show filmed from her very own house! As if that excitement weren't enough for the youngster from the Garden State, can you imagine how she must have felt when Diesel and Shawn Michaels showed up on her doorstep unannounced?!

According to the Two Dudes with Attitudes, the reason for their visit had something to do with what they called "David's Demise Surprise!" You see, both superstars were carrying "attitude" apple pies with them, which they hoped to promptly **SMUSH** in the face of U to U host David Sidoni. The "Dudes with 'Tudes" would "fly the pies" if the

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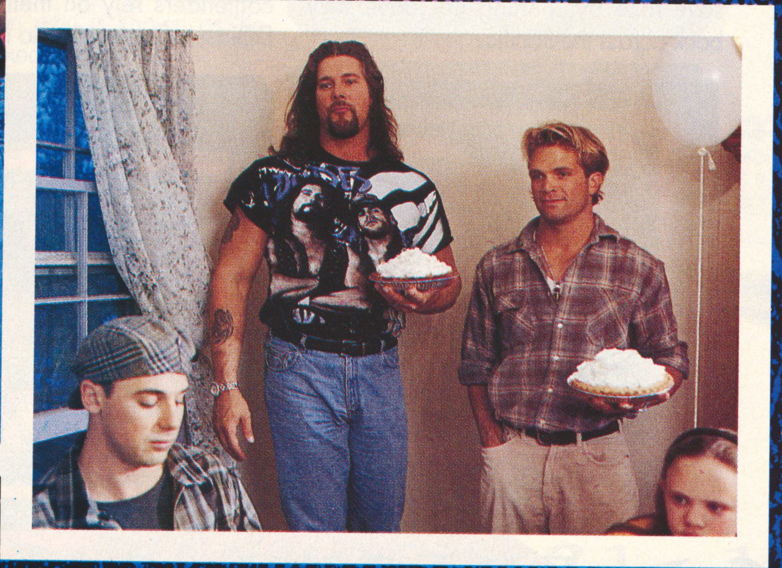

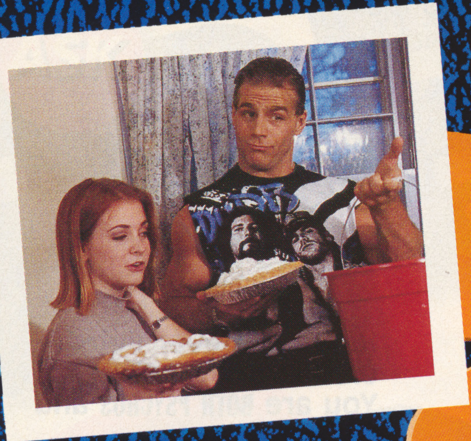

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U to U and Apple Pie!!!

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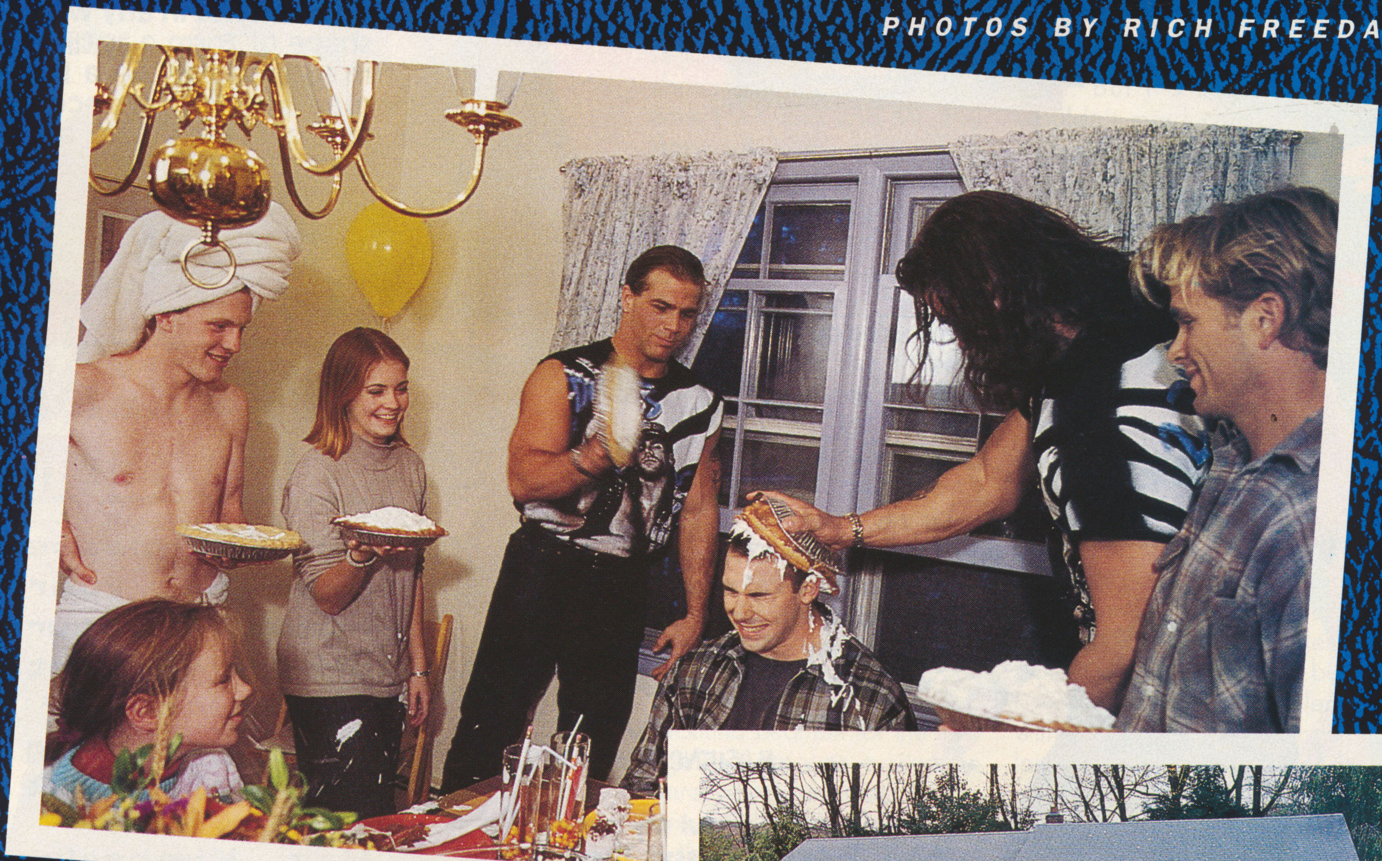

fans, who were watching the show at home, all agreed with the idea on-line in the U to U chat room, which can be found in the Nickelodeon area on America Online.

As you can tell by the pictures, the cyberspacers voted a resounding "GO FOR IT," which gave Diesel and Shawn the green light to let the pies soar!! WF

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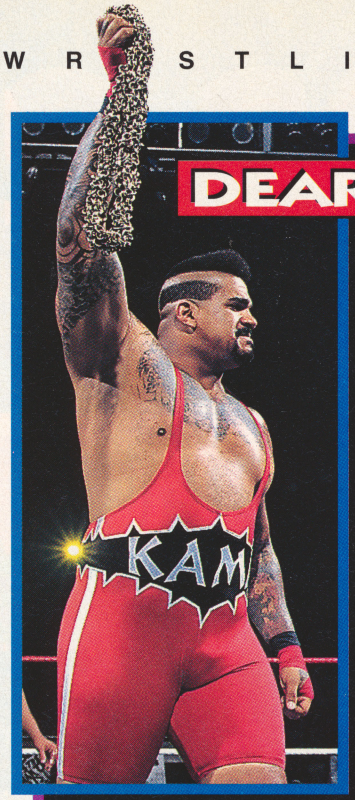
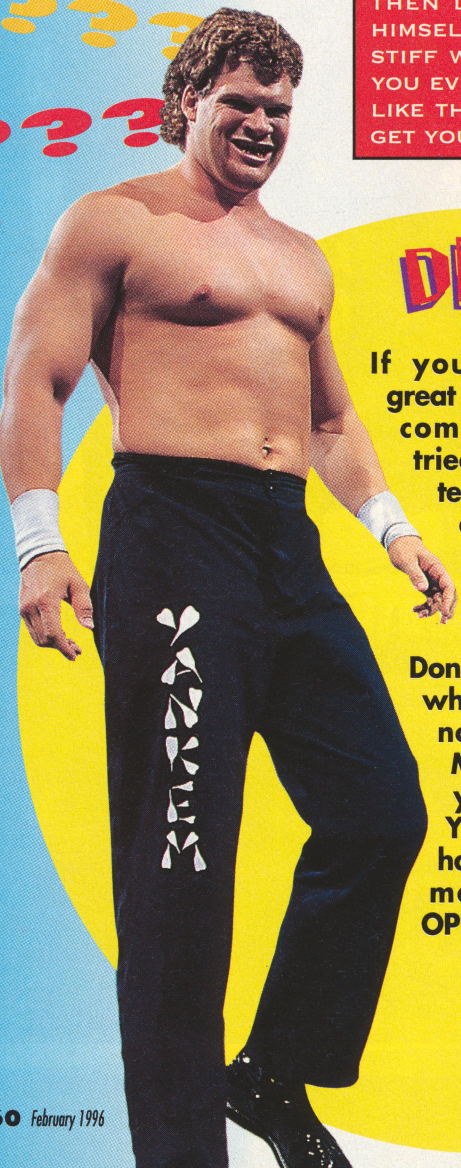


It must be something from "out of this world" that makes you mess with the Undertaker. The truth is, every time that you step into the ring with him, you know you're going to lose—so why do you even bother?

MICHAEL ESSANY
VALPARAISO, INDIANA

What do you mean, I know I'm going to lose, CHUMP?! If you want to talk about losers, then let's talk about ol' Paleface himself—the Undertaker! It was that stiff who lost his urn to me! Before you ever ask me a ridiculous question like that again, I recommend that you get your stinkin' facts straight!

DEAR ISAAC YANKEM, D.D.S.



If you're such a great dentist, then how come you have never tried fixing up your own teeth? They sure could use all the help they can get!

TINA SANI
FLUSHING, NEW YORK

Don't you worry about my pearly whites, little Ms. Sassy! They're nothing short of spectacular! Maybe you should be asking yourself when's the last time YOU had an checkup! But, have no fear—my appointment book is always OPEN!

Dear Mr. Backlund

Have you ever considered teaming with Sid? You are BOTH PSYCHOS and everything!

KRIS KOZAK
EL PASO, TEXAS

EXCUSE ME, PLEBEIAN! I don't know where you get your information, BUT I am not in any way, shape or form a PSYCHO! I may at times be a bit maniacal, unbalanced and unhinged, but I am CERTAINLY NOT A PSYCHO!

DEAR OWEN HART

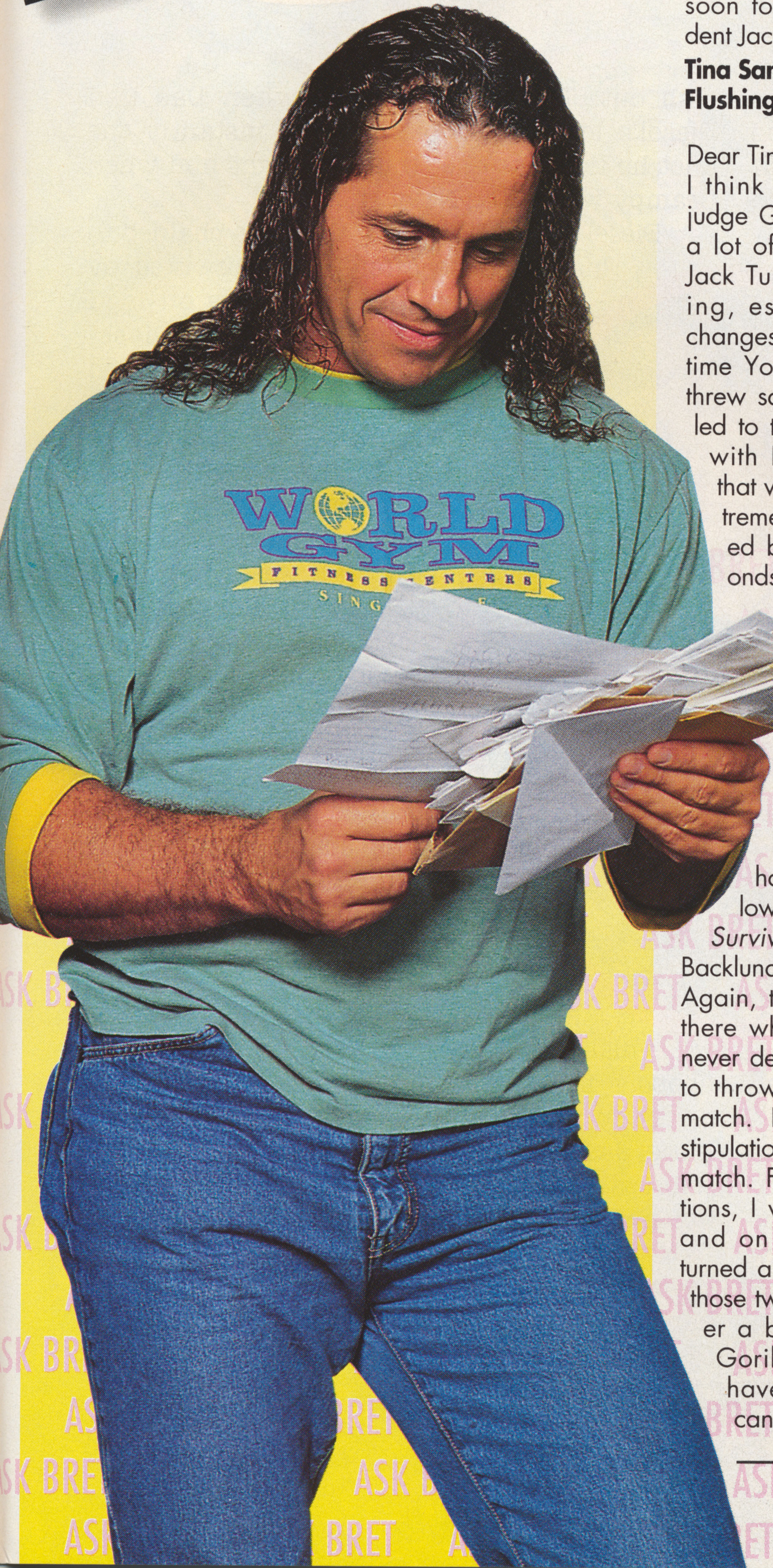
Can you please describe your match with your brother Bret at WrestleMania X?

KIMBERLY HEHLING
MERRILL, WISCONSIN

Hey, Kimberly, just what cocoon are you living in? I won that match, and Bret lost. WAKE UP! Maybe you should try throwing a big splash of cold water on your face or something!

ASK BRET

The Hit Man Answers His Fans



Dear Bret,
How would you compare interim President Gorilla Monsoon to Ex-Federation President Jack Tunney?

Tina Sani
Flushing, NY

Dear Tina,
I think it's a little early to judge Gorilla, but I did have a lot of disagreements with Jack Tunney's decision making, especially some title changes. First, there was the time Yokozuna and Mr. Fuji threw salt in my eyes, which led to that whole altercation with Hulk Hogan. I think that whole episode was extremely unfair. I was blinded by salt, and then seconds later somebody else wins the title? It was unrealistic. To my knowledge, Hogan hadn't even signed for any kind of a title shot. Then, there was another incident I still have a hard time swallowing. It was last year's *Survivor Series* when Bob Backlund beat me for the title. Again, there was a situation there where my mother was never designated as anybody to throw in a towel for that match. It wasn't in any of the stipulations that went with that match. Following those situations, I went to Jack Tunney, and on both occasions he turned a blind eye to me. On those two grounds I was never a big supporter of his. Gorilla Monsoon? We'll have to see. I know he can't do a worse job.

Dear Bret,
Do you plan on doing any ring commentating once your career is over?

Sara Parkin
Derbyshire, ENG

Dear Sara,
I'd consider it only if I was good. It takes a certain skill. I may be the "Excellence of Execution" in the ring, but that doesn't mean I'd be the "Excellence of Execution" at ringside. But it's something I wouldn't mind considering. It's a possibility.

Dear Bret,
What do you think is more popular in *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*: "Ask Bret" or Dallas' "For Kids Only"? Is there any competition over this issue at home?

Bob Ridell
Portland, ME

Dear Bob,
There's no competition. I don't know whose column is more popular. The readers would have to judge that, but I wouldn't have a problem with Dallas being more popular. I read "For Kids Only," and I think it's very well done. It's extremely interesting, and Dallas' personality really does come out.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each month, every letter sent in to *Ask Bret* will go directly into a drawing. The winner of that drawing will not only be recognized in this magazine, but he/she will also receive an 8x10 autographed picture of the Hit Man!

THIS MONTH'S WINNER
AMANDA GILSON
KOPPERSTON, WV

FOR KIDS ONLY

NOVEMBER 19, 1995—readers, remember this date, for it is the day the 7-foot tower was excellently executed by the power. Well, wrestling fans, you saw it, my dad felt it and the Hit Man rules once again. I want to comment on Big Daddy Cool's interview. Diesel said he was powered by high-impact and power maneuvers that run quite efficiently. It's quite obvious it didn't quite work out that way. Diesel, sorry to say this, but your battery went dead, your plugs disconnected and you stalled.

I knew we were in for a knock-down-drag-out performance when Diesel and my dad took the padding off the cornerposts. I instantly thought "Oh, no! If either one was to hit the cornerpost, it would hurt because it has metal sticking out!" It was obviously going to be a serious brawl for the Championship Belt. This was a no disqualification, no count-out, no time limit match, which meant that all that mattered was that you had to pin your opponent.

Diesel began the match by pounding my dad as if he was a nail being hammered on. Of course, my dad came back and showed that he wasn't about to be nailed. You probably saw Diesel become a bad guy again. He threw my dad into the staircase, hit him with a chair, slammed his back against the pole, but what did my dad do? He showed us all that he could take a lickin' and keep on ticking! Then it was the Hit Man's turn to show us what he had to dish out. The best part was when Dad tied Diesel's leg to the post. I knew instantly the knot he tied was one Grampy taught him when Grampy was in the Navy.

Diesel looked like a dog that was chained to his doghouse after being outwitted by the clever fox. From here on in, I thought that was what Diesel deserved—a good, old-fashioned butt kicking. Dad executed his finest moves to bring down BDC. It looked as if Diesel was brought down by his weakest parts, his long legs. Dad was going back to his old ways, which meant he'd take anything Diesel gave him, but when he gave it back, I was prepared for the roof to shake!! My cousin Marek and I had confidence in Dad at this point. We knew he was going to end this and bring the almighty 18-wheeler to a grinding halt.

For a long time Diesel was a hero of mine. I asked my dad if he disliked Diesel. He said, "No. Whatever happens in this match, it's going to be a tough fight." To my surprise, I noticed after he lost, Diesel Jackknifed Dad twice, beat up a bunch of referees (one of them being Tim White, who is the nicest guy), then threw the belt down on Dad as if he was a cheap champion or something! Marek said, "Why didn't they shake hands if they're both nice guys?" You know, I couldn't find an answer for him—but I do know this: The gold is back where it belongs—in the arms of a true champion of champions, Bret "Hit Man" Hart. Way to go, Dad!

THE INFORMER

The big news this month in the Federation concerns the flawless one himself—MR. PERFECT. As you should already know, Perfect shocked the wrestling world when he showed up as a guest commentator at the Survivor Series in November. Since then, PERFECT, a.k.a. CURT HENNIG, has been doing some guest color spots on Superstars. The question now being raised by EVERYONE is: What exactly is HENNIG doing back in the Federation, and what are his true intentions? Of course, I think I know the answer. Due to a severe back injury HENNIG sustained a few years ago, he has been unable to compete. HOWEVER, sources tell me that CURT will indeed be given the green light to get back between the ropes sometime in March. Will PERFECT don the tights once more? OR will he just continue to supply us with his words of wisdom behind the microphone every month? If you ask me, THE INFORMER, I would have to say that PERFECT WILL indeed return to where he rightfully belongs—the SQUARED CIRCLE!... Once again, there are hot and heavy rumors jump-jacking out of the camp of the BODY DONNAS! It appears that SKIP has racked up just about enough losses for the bodacious SUNNY to handle. Not only have the two been arguing constantly, but one inside source tells me that SUNNY is actually ready to jump ship! This informant suggested that SUNNY may be negotiating with another Federation superstar who is in need of a manager—AS WE SPEAK! Who is this superstar you ask? All I can say is—he's looking to get out of the pen and back in the mansion!!!... What I reported several weeks ago has indeed come true. BERTHA FAYE and HARVEY WIPPLEMAN have broken up, thus causing BERTHA to leave the Federation... The wrestling world will be shocked by an announcement made just prior to the Royal Rumble... Don't be surprised if you see a finger-pistol-wielding bad boy join the ranks sometime soon... It may just be my imagination, but the BAD GUY RAZOR RAMON and the CARIBBEAN LEGEND SAVIO VEGA don't seem to be as chummy-chummy as they once were. This may have something to do with RAMON's teaming with MARTY JANNETTY to go after the 1-2-3 KID and PSYCHO SID—rather than his GOOD friend SAVIO. Keep a close eye on this situation, as something more may develop... BIG DADDY COOL DIESEL seems to have ticked off some TITANSPORTS SUITS once again, this time by refusing to cut promotional spots to help boost ticket sales in certain World Wrestling Federation markets. According to BDC, no longer will he be a corporate puppet, and when—and only when—HE'S ready to talk, he'll let them know!... Who will be the No. 1 challenger if BRET HART successfully defends his Federation Title at the Royal Rumble and WrestleMania XII? According to the HIT MAN, it will be Pearl River's own AHMED JOHNSON!... Recently when surfing the channels, I came across an old Federation friend—in a very different role. It seems that JAKE "THE SNAKE" ROBERTS is now a born again Christian and preaching the good word in ministries around the world! I must say, I hadn't seen the SNAKE MAN looking this good in a long, long time! Hats off, JAKE!... Until next time...

WRESTLEMANIA
MIDWAY
EXIT
BRET HART

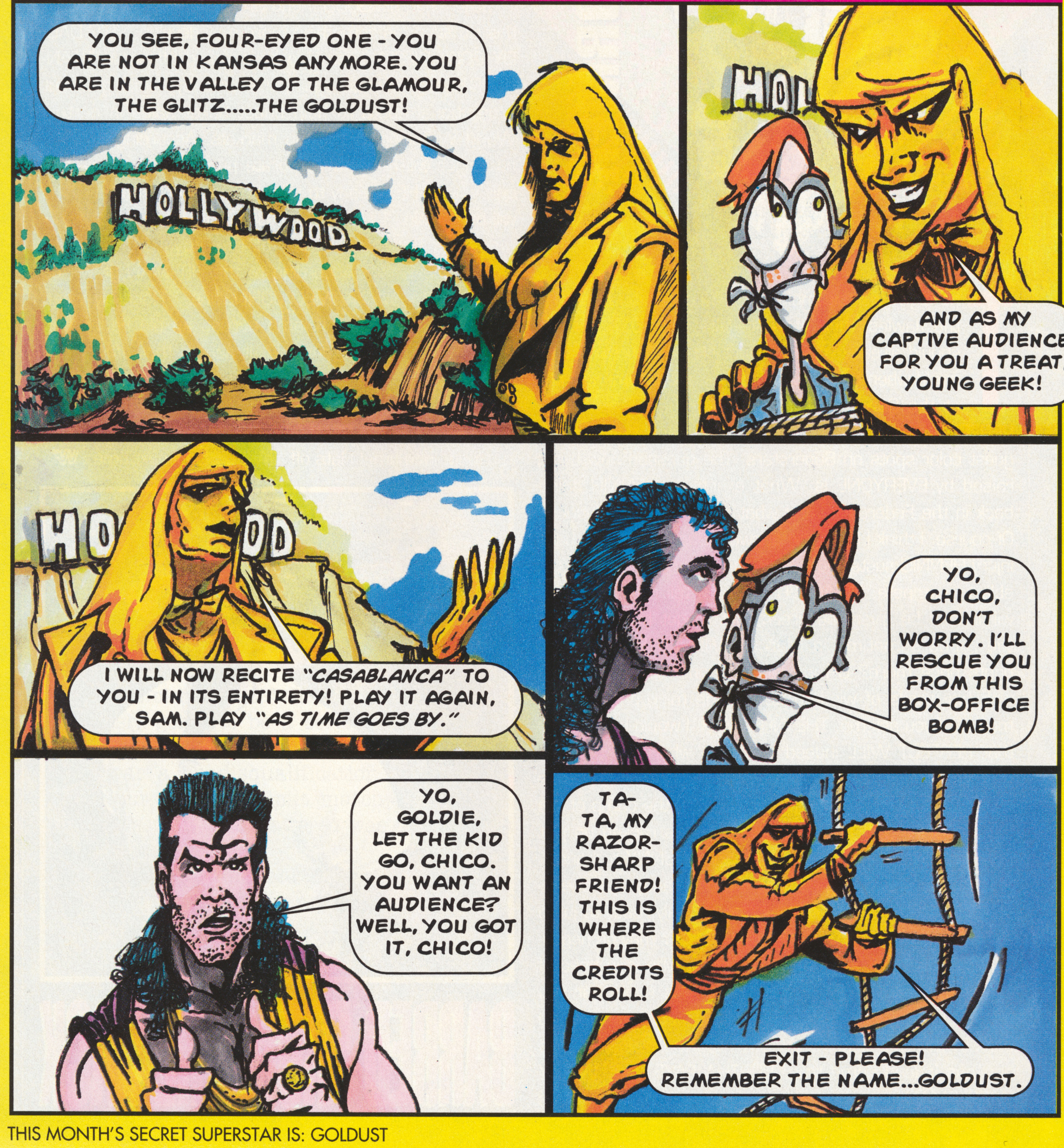
BARRED FROM THE BACK

SCOOP SULLIVAN

ARTIST HOWARD M. COLBERT
WRITER VINCE RUSSO

SQUARED CIRCLE SUPERHERO

WHEN WE LAST LEFT SCOOP SULLIVAN, HE WAS WHISKED AWAY TO THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS AND HELD PRISONER BY NONE OTHER THAN...GOLDUST!


YOU SEE, FOUR-EYED ONE - YOU ARE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE. YOU ARE IN THE VALLEY OF THE GLAMOUR, THE GLITZ.....THE GOLDUST!
HOLLYWOOD
HOL
AND AS MY CAPTIVE AUDIENCE, FOR YOU A TREAT, YOUNG GEEK!
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I WILL NOW RECITE *"CASABLANCA"* TO YOU - IN ITS ENTIRETY! PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM. PLAY *"AS TIME GOES BY."*
YO, CHICO, DON'T WORRY. I'LL RESCUE YOU FROM THIS BOX-OFFICE BOMB!
YO, GOLDIE, LET THE KID GO, CHICO. YOU WANT AN AUDIENCE? WELL, YOU GOT IT, CHICO!
TA-TA, MY RAZOR-SHARP FRIEND! THIS IS WHERE THE CREDITS ROLL!
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THIS MONTH'S SECRET SUPERSTAR IS: GOLDUST

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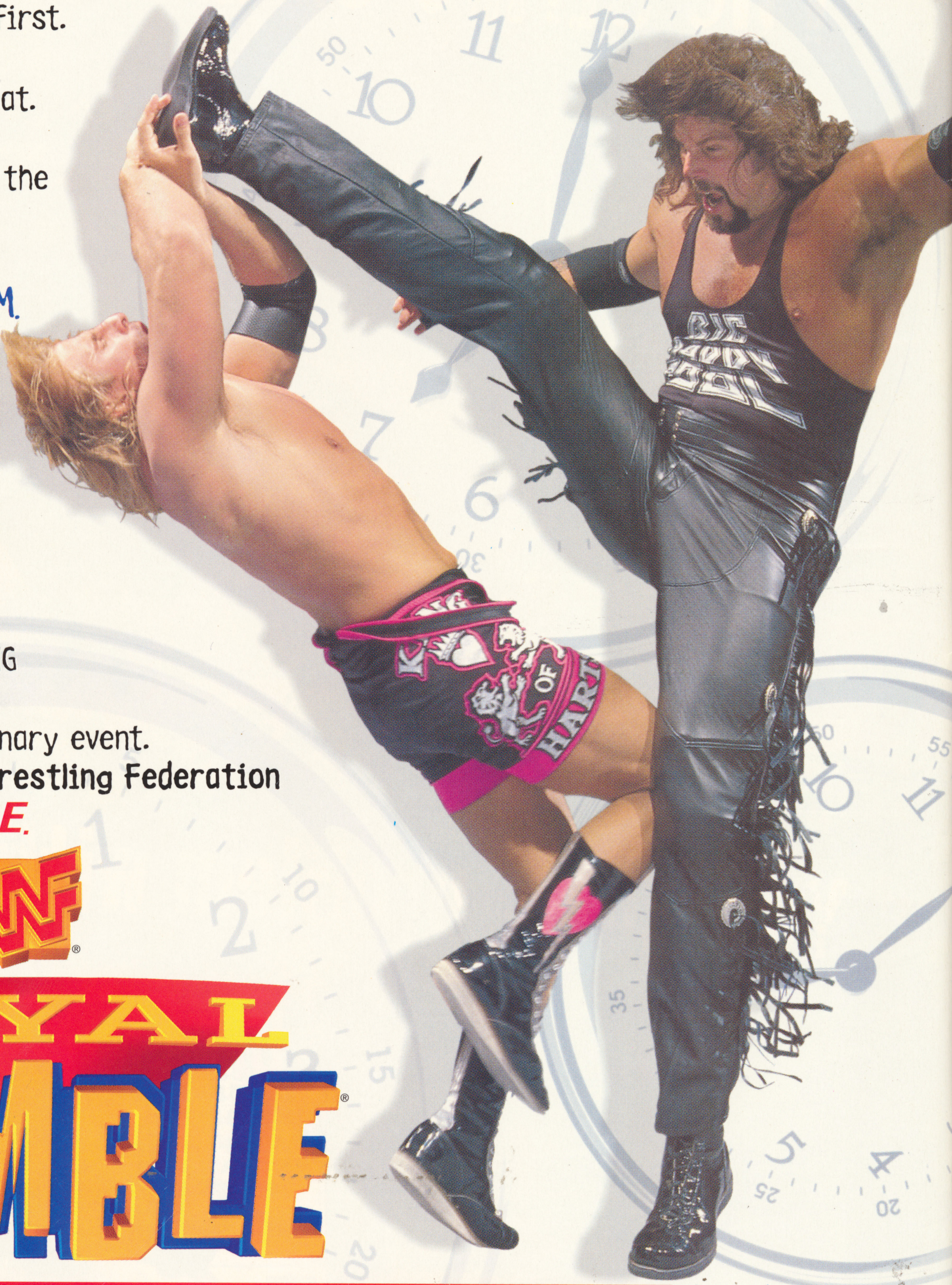

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